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A heavily laden Butterfield and Swire steamer lying stranded in a dangerous position, an attempt by another vessel of the same line to tow her off, resulting in it sharing the fate of the first, is the most recent drama of the sea to be enacted in the treacherous Hainan Straits.

Leaving Haiphong for Shanghai with a cargo of cement on January 31st, it was probably on the afternoon of the following day that Capt. McKenzie, of the Hunan, found his vessel helplessly stranded seven miles west of Lamko, in the western entrance to the Straits. Three days later the s.s. Kwaiyang, commanded by Capt. Martin and carrying heavy general cargo and passengers, arrived on the scene from Bangkok, bound to Hongkong via Hoihow.

Hausers were thrown out in an endeavour to refloat the Hunan, but it would appear that after futile efforts the Kwaiyang was caught by the tide, swung round and driven ashore, just a stone's throw from her companion in distress.

Still later on the s.s. Taming appeared, broke all her ropes and wires in her efforts to tow off the Kwaiyang, and finally decided to take off the passengers, and bring them to Hongkong. The Taming arrived with the full story yesterday and she is to leave for the scene tomorrow morning with stores, etc.

The Hunan has now been stranded for a week and it is regarded as fortunate that fair weather has prevailed. She is hard aground forward.

Assistance is being sent with all possible speed for should bad weather set in, with the vessels positioned as they are, there is likely to be danger of them breaking up.

H.M.S. Magnolia has already gone down to stand by, and the tug "Taikoo" is leaving with lighters this afternoon.

The Kwaiyang is a comparatively new vessel. She was built at Greenock in 1921 to the order of the China Navigation Company, and she is of 2,644 tons gross and 1,580 tons net register. She is 310 feet over all and draws 20.9 feet of water, a trifle less than the Hunan which draws 21.3 feet. The Hunan was built in 1895 by Messrs. Scott and Co., the builders of the Kwaiyang, and she is a steamer of 1,143 tons net register. She is 260 feet long.

DISPUTE OVER DEBT.

PARTIES BOUND OVER.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the defence of a Chinese in an assault summons, before Major Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. McCallum, asked for leave to apply for a cross-summons, but the Magistrate, on learning the cause of the trouble, bound both parties over to keep the peace for six months.

It appeared the complainant had taken over a business and the previous owners owed the defendant \$13. The defendant asked the complainant for the money and he refused to pay, as the previous owner had contracted the debt. When defendant tried to take some of the complainant's goods, he was threatened with arrest, and

ROBBERS LEAVE WEAPONS BEHIND.

PLUCKY FIGHT AGAINST ARMED MEN.

SHAMSUIPO INCIDENT.

Armed robbers who carry out "hold-ups" on tenants in Chinese houses in the Colony have often had things pretty much their own way when dealing with timorous victims. It only as an exception to this rule, a case which came to the notice of the police authorities over the week-end is worth recording. In this instance it was shown that, in spite of their being armed with revolvers, a gang of robbers which visited a shop in Shamsuiipo, met with rough treatment and in the end had to flee, leaving their weapons behind.

At 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, four customers came into the sales shop of the Wah Lee Knitting Factory at Kwai Lum Street, Shamsuiipo, and asked to be shown over the stock of singlets. One sample after another was brought forward for their inspection, when suddenly one of the customers whipped out a revolver and pointed it at the proprietor of the establishment. With the injunction "Don't shout, or you will be killed." Not to be intimidated, the proprietor shrunk out with one hand while with the other he wrested the weapon from the man's grasp. Nevertheless, the proprietor was struck on the head by one of the other members of the gang, who used a piece of firewood, and was rendered almost unconscious.

The alarm had been heard by the people in the shop next door, and a foki came running in with a broom which he used to such good purpose that the robbers were disheartened. The gang fled, leaving behind them two revolvers, which were later turned over to the police.

INDIAN "SCANDAL."

A BOMBAY RECLAMATION SCHEME.

Bombay, Feb. 7. Unsatisfactory progress of the scheme to reclaim 1,145 acres from the back bay of Bombay is the subject of sensational reports of a Committee of Investigation.

The majority report points out that the estimated cost of filling in the area was seriously faulty and recommends completing three out of eight blocks. It proposes that consideration of the completion of the scheme should be postponed till 1927-8, and considers that the Government should have exercised greater prudence in accepting the estimate of Sir George Buchanan regarding the output of the dredger, but that as Sir George Buchanan was an expert adviser the main responsibility must rest on him.

A minority report characterises the action of the Government as a grave scandal and recommends the abolition of the development directorate.—*Reuter.*

EXPORTING MONEY.

WOMAN FAILS TO ATTEND COURT.

When the name of a Chinese woman was called by the Court interpreter at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, no answer was received and her bail of \$10, deposited at the Police Station after being arrested for attempting to export \$21 from the Colony, was estreated by the Magistrate, who ordered that the money found on this woman should also be forfeited.

On being asked who the woman was, the sergeant in charge of the case, replied that she was a respectable lady and had intimated that she would not appear in

MILITARY MOVES

TROOPS ON KIANGSI BORDER.

CANTON ALERT.

It is reported that in consequence of having received information that Kiangsi troops are massing on the frontier, and that advance parties of both sides are in touch with one another, skirmishes having already taken place, Mr. Wang Ching-wai and General Tan Yen-kai on the 4th instant proceeded by a fast motor launch to Whampoa where they were met by General Chang Kai-shek, and the three Generals had a secret conference the whole afternoon. It is also said that troops of Generals Yang Che-sang and Tang Tek-yu are showing great activity on the frontier, and, further, that the agents of Lin Fao are endeavouring to re-enlist the scattered soldiers formerly under his command.

After having been closeted with General Chang Kai-shek for nearly five hours, Mr. Wang Ching-wai and General Tan Yen-kai returned to Canton, and orders were immediately issued to General Loo Teh-ping to proceed to Nam Hung and take command of the 2nd Army Corps until further orders. It is said that General Tan Yen-kai will take the supreme command shortly. Another report states that the Provincial Treasurer has been ordered to have \$200,000 packed up and at the same time the Armoury has received instructions to deliver 5,000 rifles, the money and rifles to be delivered to General Pak Shung-hee, to take back to Kwangsi as a concrete ratification of the alliance of the two Kwangs on the part of Kwangtung. Orders have also been sent out to each of the six Army Corps to be in readiness to be inspected by General Chang Kai-shek.

A report from Wuchow states that Mong Yan-chim, a former Governor of Kwangsi, after having been defeated some time ago by General Wong Shui-hung, retreated to Wu Yuan district with the object of joining the forces of Sun Hung-ying which are in the central and northern parts of the province, and that Mong's entire forces have now been rounded up and disarmed. Mong Yan-chim and his chief lieutenant, Soo Yuet-po, themselves falling prisoners into the hands of Li Chung-yan's forces. Now that Kwangsi is cleared of all opposing forces, the military is under one command, as in Kwangtung. It is also stated that General Li Chung-yan has hastened back to Nanning so as to be near at hand to assist Fan Shek-sung in the coming expedition against Tang Chi-yao.

PICKPOCKET JAILED.

CLAIMS INTIMACY WITH POLICE.

Declaring that he was well-known among the working class, was even intimate with certain members of the Police Force and was able to call numerous witnesses to vouch for his good character, a street coolie was convicted by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a charge of picking the pocket of a sepooy.

It was clearly established that the defendant, after extracting a purse from the complainant's pocket, attempted to escape, but when pursued by the sepooy and a friend, the purse was thrown away.

The evidence of the two Indians was substantiated by a Chinese detective, who saw the defendant running away.

Sentence of six weeks' hard

"ROOSEVELT" HEROES REWARDED.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION AT SOUTHAMPTON.

GLORIOUS TRIBUTES.

Rugby, Feb. 7. The heroism of Captain Fried and the officers and men of the United States liner President Roosevelt, in rescuing the crew of the British steamer Antiope, was acknowledged yesterday afternoon in a befitting manner. The President Roosevelt, homeward bound from Bremen to New York, came specially into Southampton so that her brave officers and men might receive official British tributes at the hands of Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, the President of the Board of Trade, representing His Majesty the King.

As the vessel came to her moorings in dock, she was given a triumphal reception. All other craft in port hoisted the American flag and greeted her with the roar of their sirens.

Mr. Boylston Beale, representing the American Ambassador, Admiral Macnamee (American Naval Attaché), Lord Apsley, Member of Parliament for Southampton, Sir James Charles, commander of the Aquitania, Captain Tose, of the Antiope, and Mrs. Tose were present at a luncheon served in the saloon.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, addressing the ship's officers and members of the lifeboat crews, who were drawn up in a line near him, said he was commanded by the King to express to Captain Fried His Majesty's regret that the brief stay of the ship at Southampton did not admit of his seeing Captain Fried in London and personally thanking him, his officers and crew for their gallant services in effecting a rescue that had seized the imagination of the whole British race. It had already taken its place as one of the episodes of sea service. In the past six years, there had been 226 rescues at sea, and in that record, the achievement of the President Roosevelt stood out conspicuously.

Sir Philip said: "As to Chief Officer Miller and the other officers, we liked to think that their forefathers served in British ships." After a touching reference to Wirtanen and Heitman, respectively the Finn and German who lost their lives during the rescue, Sir Philip said that in reading the names of the lifeboat crews, one saw that different lands were represented in them, and that gave an understanding of what was meant by the brotherhood of the sea. He then handed to Captain Fried a gold box and to the officers and men of the lifeboat crews medals awarded by the British Government. The officers' medals were of gold and the men's of silver. Finally Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister handed to Captain Fried the medals awarded to the two men who lost their lives, for eventual presentation to their relatives.

Captain Fried and Chief Officer Miller thanked His Majesty the King, the British Government and the British people for the honour done to them and their men. Mr. Boylston Beale, on behalf of the American Ambassador, who was prevented from being present by an engagement in Paris, declared that the President Roosevelt incident had done more towards cementing the good relations between the British and American people than could be easily estimated.

The proceedings closed with a cheque for \$227 to Captain Fried. This cheque represented the sum of money which had been contributed by listeners in and sent to the British Broadcasting Company after Captain Tan had broadcast his experience, and Captain Tose intimated to Captain Fried that he wished the sum of money to be handed to an appropriate authority in America for distribution to the relatives of the men who had lost their lives in the rescue.—*British*

MOTOR MISHAPS.

TWO CARS LEAVE THE ROAD.

LUCKY ESCAPES.

In motor-car accidents reported over the week-end there were two instances in which cars had the misfortune to fall over embankments.

On Saturday night, Mr. G. A. Walker, Traffic Superintendent of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, was driving a car along the Taiipo Road, with three other passengers in the vehicle, when he was dazzled by the lights of a car approaching him from the opposite direction. As a result, the front wheel of his car went over the embankment, and, realising the danger, the four occupants hastily scrambled out. Just after they got clear the car slipped down the hillside for some distance and it had to be left there until next morning, when it was safely hauled up. Happily, no one was injured as a result of the mishap, but the car was slightly damaged as a result of the fall.

There was also reported a second accident on the mainland. A livery car was proceeding along the road from Tsinwan to Yaumati, and when near Cheungshawan the lights suddenly went out. The driver immediately applied the brakes, but the car skidded on the wet surface of the road, swerved and went over an embankment. The car overturned, throwing the occupants out. As they fell clear of the machine, the passengers were unhurt save for some slight bruises.

In another motor accident, which occurred in Des Voeux Road yesterday, a Chinese was seriously injured by being run into by a motor car. He received injuries to the head and body, and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

An incident which might have caused a serious motor accident occurred when a golf ball was driven through the wind-screen of a car this morning. It appears that Mr. M. B. King, of the Dragon Motor Car Company, was driving a car along the road which skirts the Racecourse at Happy Valley, not far from the Monument, when suddenly he heard a crash of broken glass in the front part of the car. Investigations showed that a golf ball had been driven from the course and had passed through the steering wheel, eventually smashing through the lower part of the wind-screen. The ball was later found in the car. It was a fortunate circumstance that the ball did not go through the top part of the screen, otherwise the driver might have been struck and a serious accident resulted.

STOLEN CLOTHES.

WEARING ANOTHER MAN'S COAT.

A Chinese appeared before Major Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, charged with the larceny of three pieces of clothing, valued at \$100, the property of Chiu Yik-ling, 27, Des Voeux Road. A witness said that at 10 a.m., on February 6th, he was at the address in Des Voeux Road West, when he saw the defendant wearing a coat which he recognised as the property of a buyer. The defendant ran away, but was chased and caught.

The owner also gave evidence of seeing the defendant wearing his (witness's) coat, and said he saw the defendant throw two other coats on the floor, when he was caught.

The defendant said he was sitting in the room when three other men entered and left a bundle of clothes.

Defendant was sent to prison for

RIVER BANDITS STILL ACTIVE.

TRAFFIC BEING INTERFERED WITH.

NATIVE BOATS STOP.

So frequent have piracies on the lower reaches of the West and North Rivers become that many vessels which have been operating at great risk in this danger zone, are reported to have suspended traffic on the 3rd instant, and that communication by water in the lower reaches of the rivers have stopped entirely.

Although the Canton Government is doing its best to cope with the situation, it has made little or no progress, because it is now found that the bandits' launches are faster and better armed than those of the Government. These launches, are not only a terror to junks and other craft, but are also capable of giving battle to the gunboats of the Canton Navy, several of whose launches and motor boats have been captured by the bandits. On this account, the patrol between Sui Hing and Wuchow, which has hitherto been in the hands of the Canton Navy, is now assigned to the Kwangsi Navy.

THE "ALTAI MARU."

NOT YET REFLOATED.

The Altai Maru, a Osaka Shosen Kaisha freighter which went aground off Lam Tong, in Fo Tau Mun Pass, at two o'clock yesterday morning, has not yet been refloated.

Earlier details of the mishap were to the effect that the steamer went aground in a fog, while on her way to Hongkong, where she should have arrived at six o'clock. On receipt of the news by wireless, tugs were sent from Kowloon, while the Kaijo Maru, another of the O.S.K. ships, which was to have left Hongkong at 11 o'clock for Keelung, also went to her assistance, but soon returned, leaving the tugs to carry on the work.

Efforts were made to refloat her yesterday, but without result, and this morning six lighters were dispatched to take off the cargo. It is hoped that relieved of this weight, the Altai Maru will be sufficiently lightened to enable her to refloat sometime to-day. The tug Henry Keswick has also left for the scene, which the O.S.K. Marine Superintendent has gone to take charge.

The Altai Maru was built at the Osaka Iron Works in 1918. Her dimensions are: Length 425 feet, breadth 56.2 feet, and depth 40.5. Her gross tonnage is 7,772. She left Kobe with a general cargo of 3,000 tons mainly consigned to Bombay. She was due in Hongkong yesterday, and was scheduled to leave this morning for Bombay via Singapore and Colombo.

BISHOP'S DENIAL.

CHURCH SPLIT ON PROHIBITION.

New York, Feb. 7.

Bishop Manning in a sermon here said that the Church Temperance Society's movement to modify prohibition was not representative of the attitude of the church, which still supported prohibition. He opined that observance of the law was increasing and that modification at present would mean nullification.—*Reuter's American*

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

CRUISER HOLDS UP STEAMER.

\$100,000 HAUL.

Behind the scene of current developments in China, there occurred last week a little incident which throws fresh light on the conditions of the country.

While military matters are being pursued, the possibilities of the opium trade are not being neglected, as this often provides the sinews of war. Illicit opium has been making its way from Yunnan and other southern sources into Canton and Shanghai, and the extent of this could hardly have been gauged until news came through during the week-end of a big seizure of Yunnanese opium. The seizure was made on one of the trading coastal steamers, and the party which has now profited from the seizure is one of the military factions which controls the cruiser from which the seizure was effected.

Details are still being awaited to throw fresh light on the identity of the warship which was responsible for the holding up of the steamer for the purposes of the seizure, but what has been learned from a reliable source shows that this is but another instance of the good procedure of "setting a thief to catch a thief."

It is learned that on Friday last a steamer which was on its way from the south was stopped in the Hainan Straits off Hoihow by a Chinese cruiser and was boarded by a party of naval men. The confident manner in which the subsequent search was conducted showed that the naval men were pretty sure of the information which they must have previously received. At any rate they had not been long at their job before they discovered 100 cases of opium in the steamer. The value of these amounts to \$100,000.

The drug was transferred to the warship, which, after releasing the steamer, sailed off in an unknown direction.

In this connection it is stated that a similar fate befel another consignment of 300 cases of opium, three months ago. The steamer which conveyed this opium had instructions to turn over the drug to a Chinese warship which would meet her out at sea a day's steam from Shanghai. The details worked out as scheduled, and the opium was duly transferred to a Chinese warship which came out to meet the steamer near Shanghai, but it was not until some days afterwards that the syndicate which put through this big deal discovered that they had been duped. The warship to which their valuable consignment had been transferred was not the particular one controlled by the military faction through whom they had hoped to put throughout the deal, but belonged to quite a different faction. Obviously some traitor had betrayed their secret to "the enemy."

LEAGUE'S UTILITY.

BEGINS WHEN GERMANY ENTERS.

Rugby, Feb. 7.

Satisfaction is being generally expressed, both in political quarters and in the Press at the forthcoming application by Germany for membership of the League of Nations. The Observer to-day remarks: "From the date of Germany's entry, the League begins to exist in something of the form which it was designed to have. Its principal achievement of the past seven years is to have kept in being the new machinery of international conference and discussion. Its utility for all essential purposes begins with the entry of Germany."—*British*

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BANKRUPTCY COURT.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF
G. P. AND H. A. LAMMERT.

Sir Henry Gollan's Comments.

Several fellow brokers and a few members of the general public, were present in the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday during the public examination of Messrs. G. P. and H. A. Lammert. Sir Henry Gollan made several strong comments on the manner in which debtors' business had been run.

Mr. G. P. Lammert first went into the box. In reply to the Official Receiver, he said he was 63 years of age and was born in Hongkong. He started business here in 1890 as an auctioneer under his own name. There was \$5,000 put into the business, which carried on until 1920.

Although witness was not then a member of the Exchange, he began to do business in shares in 1914. In January, 1917, he joined Mr. Worcester in a brokering business under the style of Worcester and Lammert. The following year a Mr. Silva joined them. This firm dissolved in 1920 and witness received between \$20,000 and \$30,000. During its existence, witness received about \$1,000 from this firm.

A New Firm.

On witness's return from England in 1921, the present firm was started under the name of Lammert Bros. At that time he still had shares in the auctioneering business and this constituted one of his private assets.

When he started in the share broking business his assets consisted of half shares in certain land at Shum Shui Po, at an estimated value of \$40,000, and a small lot of land in the New Territories. He had about \$35,000 in the bank and shares in London to the value of \$7,000. The bulk of the dealings of his firm was brokering. This involved a certain amount of "carrying" for clients, advancing money on their shares. There was a great deal of that done in Hongkong.

"Carrying" Transactions.

His Lordship: Because there is a lot of speculation in Hongkong Mr. Lammert: Yes, I am sorry to say.

Examined with regard to the manner of this "carrying," Mr. Lammert said that he would go to another firm as an agent, not as principal. The clients' name would not be divulged and he (the agent) would be held responsible. He was responsible to either party. This had been the practice in former years when exchange brokering notes were used and the names of principals and clients divulged. Later, it became the custom for principals to sign and now it had changed so that they were entirely responsible.

With regard to witness's earnings from brokering in 1924, figures were produced showing that they were \$138,000. The business had been carried on fairly successfully until up to and including the settlement of May last. A balance sheet was produced showing that having arranged everything at that settlement, there was still a balance of \$188,000 at the bank in favour of the firm.

Margins Dependent on Market.

Questioned with regard to certain margins, however, Mr. Lammert admitted that it was obvious that they would disappear automatically if there was any setback in the market. Questioned with regard to certain book debts, Mr. Lammert said that they represented clean differences as distinct from "carrying." The prospects

of recovery of such debts always depended on the market remaining good.

His Lordship: It seems to me that if the bottom dropped out of the market your liabilities remained and your assets disappeared. The Official Receiver: The people you were dealing with were, in the majority, people in receipt of monthly salaries?

Psychology.

Mr. Lammert: No, most of them were in business. They probably dealt with other brokers and were under obligation to others when the slump came.

Mr. Lammert added that a good many of his clients were connected with Chinese banks and other agencies for lending money. Any always seemed in a position to get money. So long as it was easy to get money, business was easy and rates were maintained. Another factor was that the steadiness of the market would affect the facility with which it would be possible to get money.

His Lordship: You mean that it would dominate the psychology of the banks.

In further examination, debtor stated that just before the June settlement and even after the Shanghai riot of May 30, events did not appear to have much effect on the local stock exchange. It was only when the actual strike began that there was a panic.

Position Bad Without Strike.

Official Receiver: But if there had been no strike at all, the position of your firm would have been dangerous.

Questioned as to the debts owing to his firm, debtor agreed that he did not press his debtors where he might have done. He gave everyone a chance of paying. It was useless sending a man to the wall and impairing his ability to pay back finally.

The Official Receiver: You were in fact, too kindhearted and your leniency now recoils on your creditors to-day.

His Lordship: In fact, you incurred the responsibilities of your clients' speculations.

At another point His Lordship commented: In its results it amounted to this, that by carrying your clients you condoned their speculations. If the market had held good you would have come out all right. If not, you went down.

His Lordship on Brokering.

Mr. Lammert: If you work it backwards, it comes to that, but one has to bear in mind that my clients were probably dealing with two, three or even four brokers.

His Lordship: It seems to me rather a remarkable business. All I can say is that I am glad I am not a broker.

At a later stage, His Lordship, commenting on the business methods of brokers as stated by debtor, said: "It seems to me like a bookmaker's business."

Debtor: But the bookmaker hedges. It is not that sort of thing. In a settlement the thing is not to have too many shares changing hands. I have known shares come into my hands, three or four times in one day. It is a kind of vicious circle.

Debtor went on to state that he tried to cut down his commitments, but the Official Receiver, referring to balance sheets, said those reductions did not appear to be very substantial.

Could Have Profited.

Mr. Lammert admitted that it would have been possible to have got rid of shares at a profit between May and June.

Referring to the June Settlement, the Official Receiver remarked that by failing to collect money from clients and having

to sell shares at the flat rate, the credit balance of \$188,000 in May had been converted into a deficiency of over \$1,000,000, in fact, the revised deficiency was now \$1,500,000.

Mr. Lammert pointed out that many of his clients had refused that flat rate. It was not obligatory on a seller.

With regard to the collection of book debts, the Official Receiver commented on the fact that Mr. Lammert's "carrying" was only a verbal contract and as many such were being contested it made the task of collecting money even more difficult.

A Suggested Composition.

Mr. Lammert caused some amusement when he remarked that some of his clients had "very elastic memories," also when he used the term "professional carriers" in respect of people who "offered facilities to get interest" at the time of the June settlement.

Mr. H. A. Lammert was briefly examined, and the public examination, having closed, the Official Receiver said there was a scheme of composition before the creditors. The main proposal was that debtors be given opportunity to pay a dividend of 25 per cent. at the end of two years on the personal security of the firm. It had been approved by one meeting of creditors.

J. D. Hutchinson & Co. Creditors.

On behalf of Messrs. J. D. Hutchinson and Co., Mr. Hugh Jones applied for a receiving order to be made in the affairs of the Kwong Luen-hing. He stated that the responsible partners had left the shop and were believed to have absconded.

Petitioning creditors believed there were goods to the value of \$12,000 in the shop and applied for an interim receiving order, to prevent the goods being seized. The application was granted.

Yat Wing Bank.

In respect of the affairs of the Yat Wing Bank, Mr. F. X. Remedios, for the petitioning creditor, asked for an adjournment *sine die* with a view to withdrawing the petition altogether.

The Official Receiver remarked that, according to the statement of the managing partner, the bank was practically solvent and only required time, like most firms in the Colony at the present day.

Yue Hong Bank.

All the partners in the Yue Hong Bank were reported to have run away when their affairs came up for consideration.

Mr. R. A. Wadeson, for the petitioning creditor, suggested that a receiving order be granted in order that a partnership issue might be tried which would materially affect the case and in the event of it being successful would release assets to the creditors. This course was adopted.

OIL COMPANY CHANGES HANDS.

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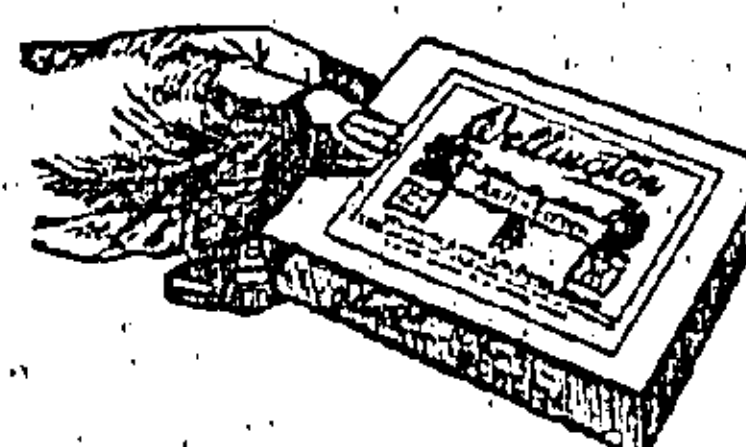
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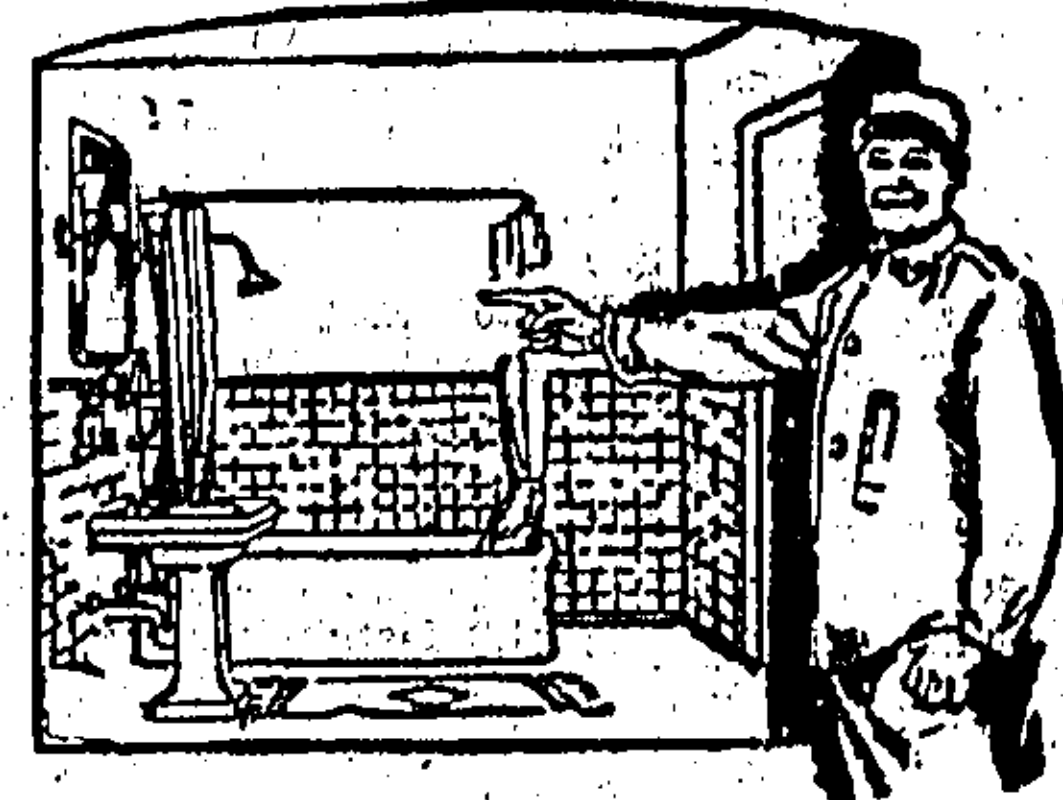
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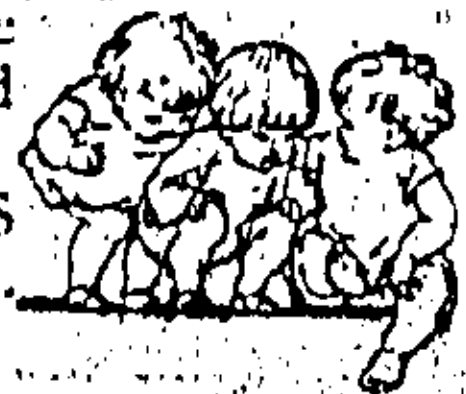
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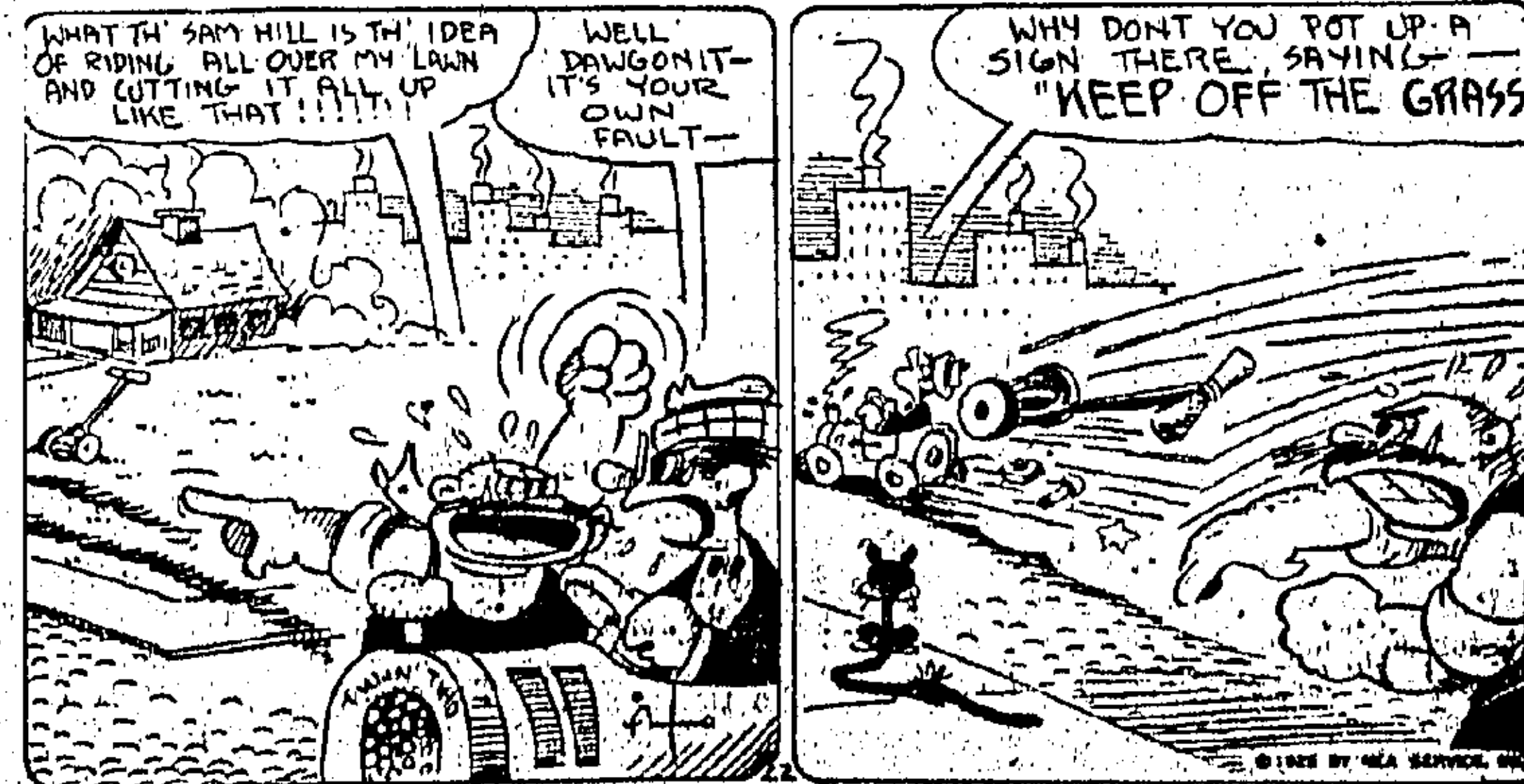
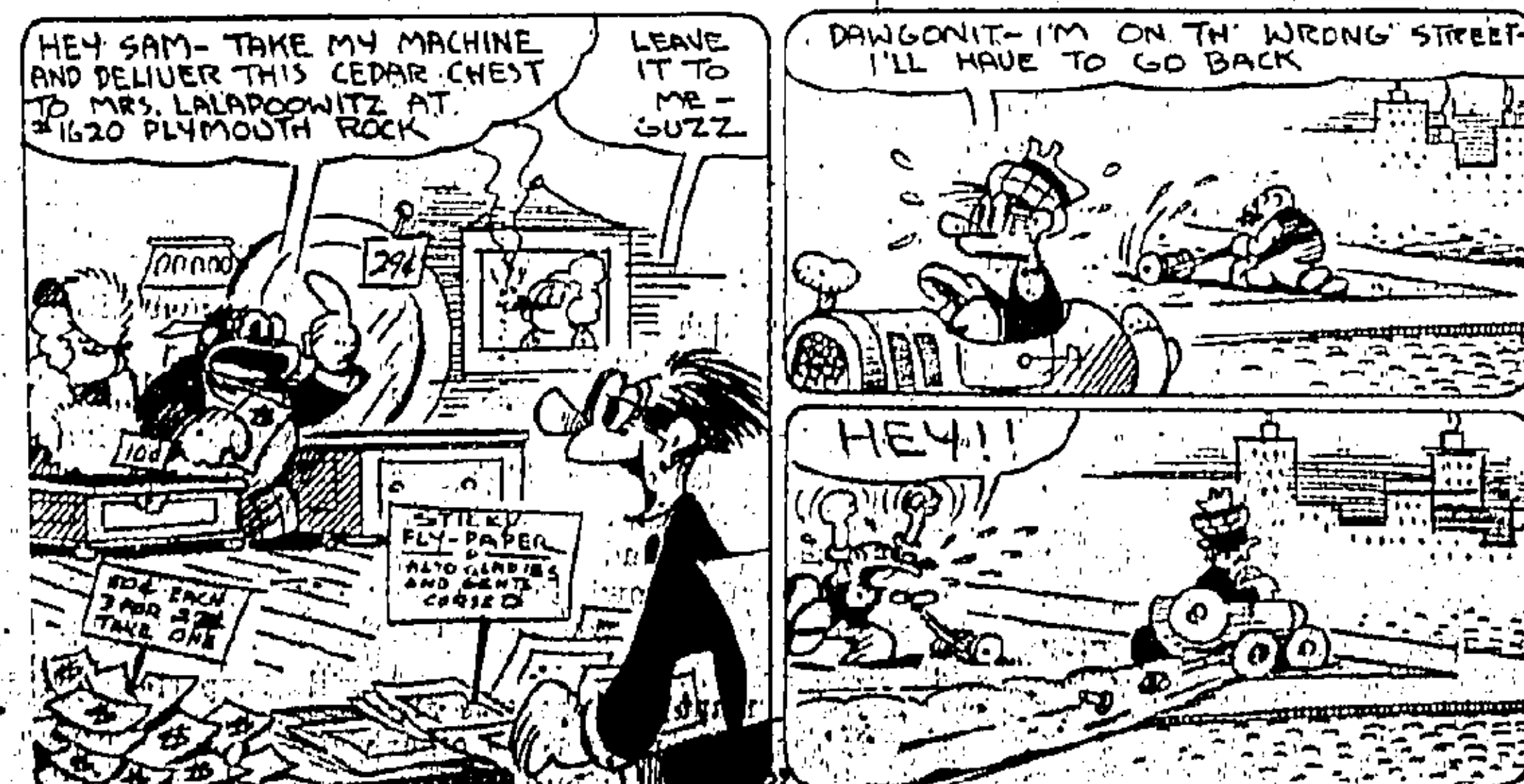
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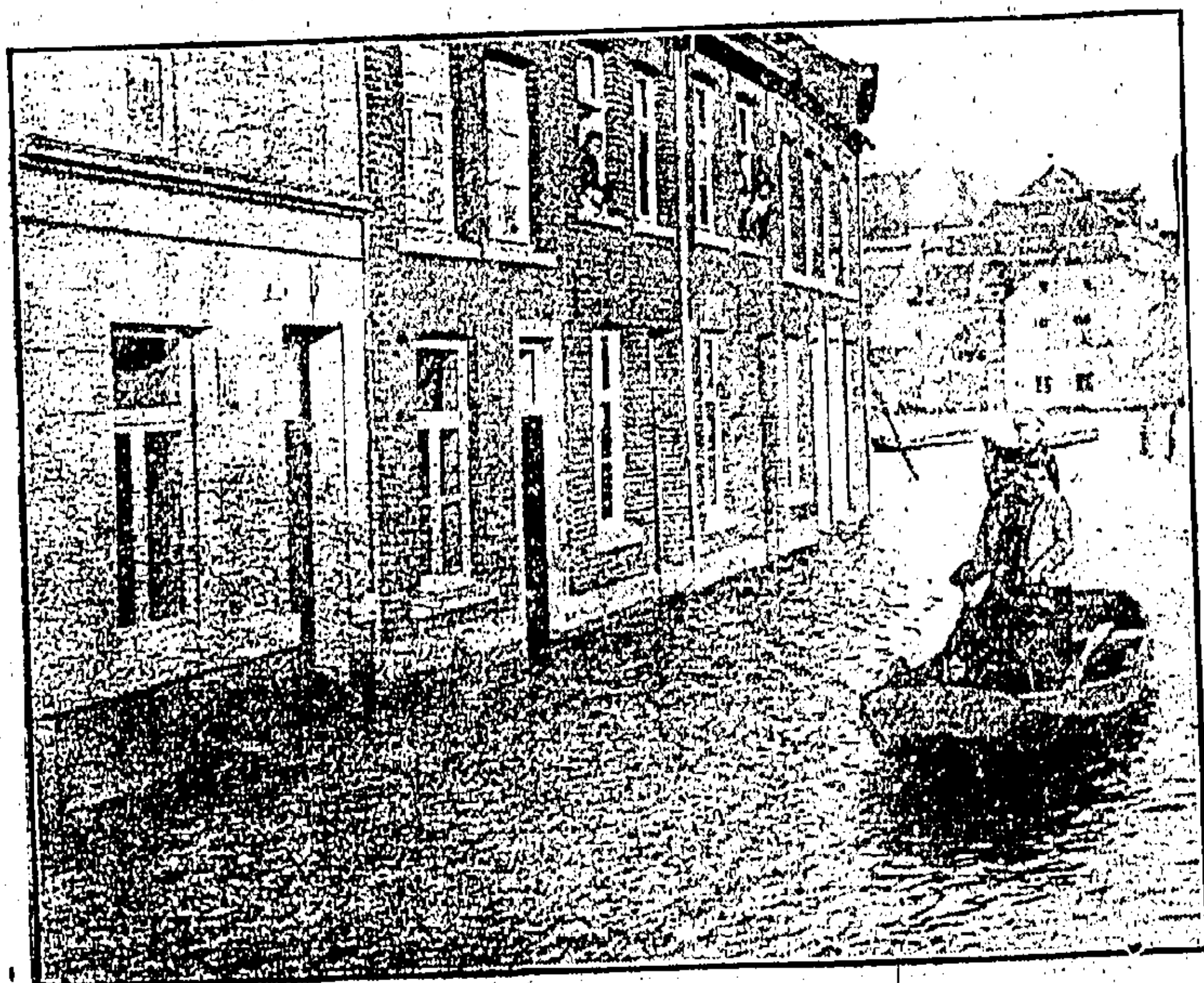
RECENT EUROPEAN FLOODS.



At Seraing, a small town in the Meuse Valley a few miles from Liege, communications have been restricted to rowing-boats to a great extent. Our picture shows the point at which travellers embark on leaving the railway station, which is at the end of the street, in the background.—(Times copyright.)



Motor-cars splashing along the flooded London-Windsor road at Egham, Surrey, when more heavy rains fell to increase the height of the floodwater. (Times copyright.)



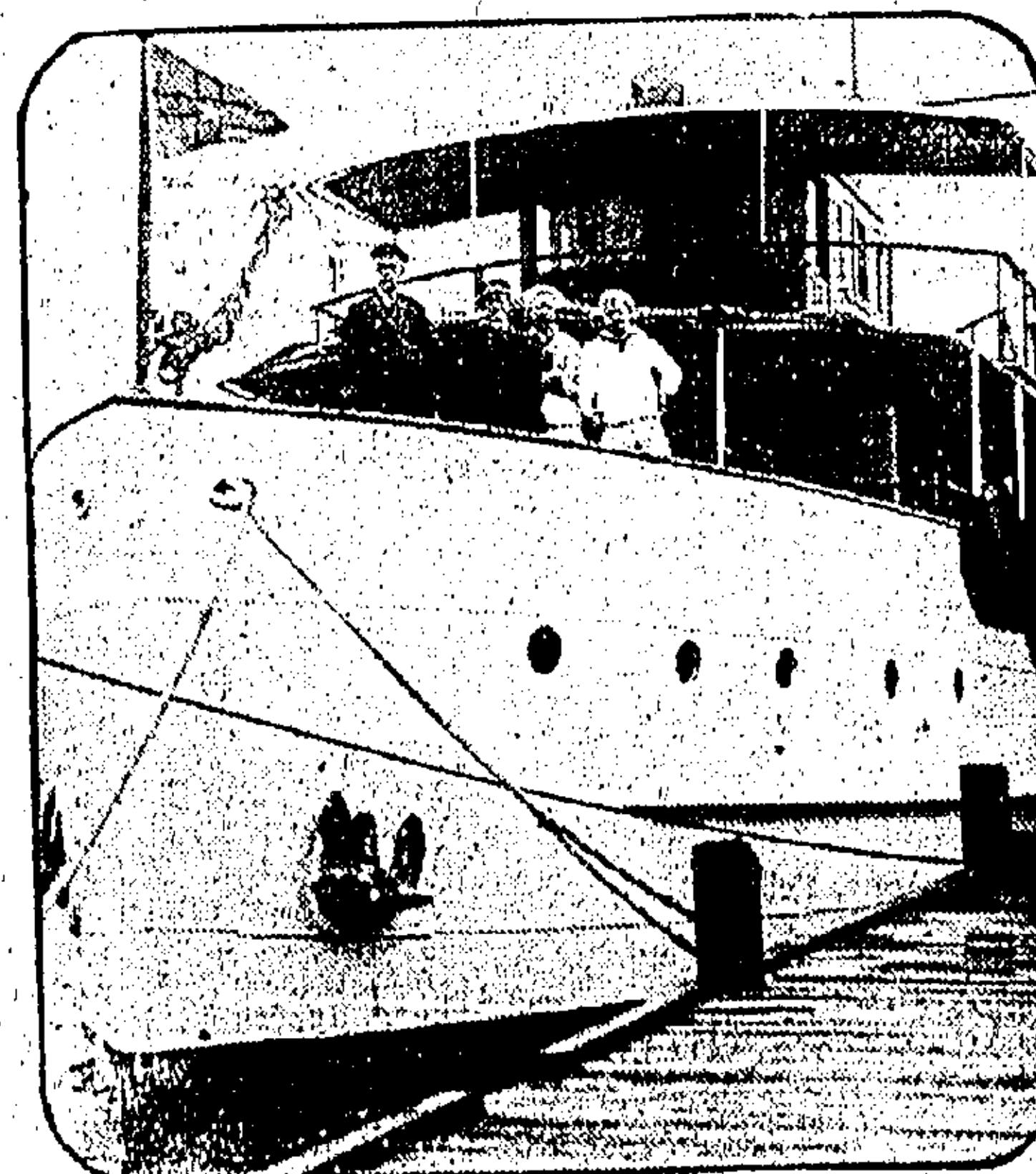
Throughout the Netherlands tramway and omnibus services have been stopped by the floods, and in a number of villages people have been forced to retire to the upper storeys of their houses. Our picture shows a view of the flood in South Limburg. (Times copyright.)

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Eighty-seven years rest lightly on the richest man in the world. These pictures of John D. Rockefeller, taken on his vacation at Ormond Beach, Fla., show the intense enthusiasm he takes in his game of golf on his private course.

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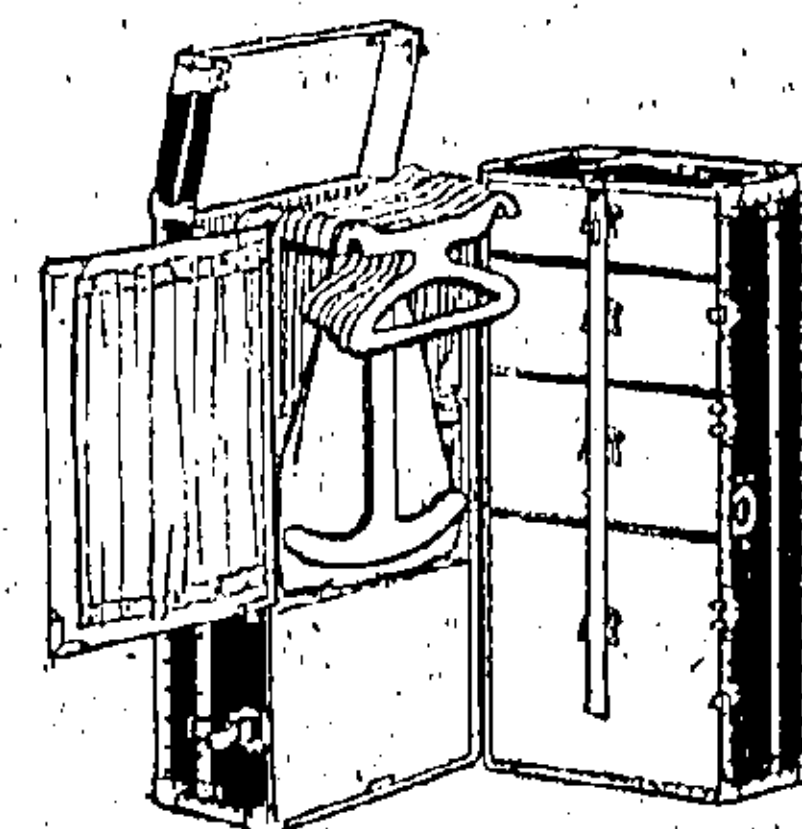
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An Ordinary General Meeting will be held at Guild Office, Sailors' Home, West Point, on TUESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1926, at 5 o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS

Election of Members.

W. J. Stokes,
Branch Secretary

THE HONGKONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926 at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY to TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926, both days inclusive, during which period No. Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1926.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th FEBRUARY, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 9th February, to the 22nd February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, Feb. 3, 1926.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL BALL.

Members are reminded of the following dates:

1st REEL PRACTICE,

FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY,

5.30 to 7 p.m.

2nd REEL PRACTICE,

TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY,

5.30 to 7 p.m.

B A L L.

FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY,

9.30 p.m.

Members are also reminded that they will be liable for subscriptions as previously instructed unless the Honorary Secretary is notified in writing of any changes on or before Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

A. K. MACKENZIE,

Hon. Sec.

c/o Holyoak, Massey & Co., Ltd., Queen's Buildings.

(Tel. C. 2492).

Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1926.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall Hongkong, on Saturday the 27th February 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 15th February to Saturday the 27th February 1926 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors
A. H. BARLOW
Chief Manager.

Hongkong 8th February 1926.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

THE FOURTH CONCERT

in aid of the Organ Fund,

on WEDNESDAY,

the 10th February, 1926, at 6 p.m.,

in the

CATHEDRAL HALL.

ARTISTES.

Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith,

Mrs. N. Mathieson,

Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith,

Admission:—One Dollar.

Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1926.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

All Communications should be addressed to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, the Treasurers, during the temporary absence of the undersigned.

P. M. HODGSON,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1926.

FANLING HUNT STEEPCHASES.

CHINA NEW YEAR MEETING.

Monday, February 15th, 1926.

First bell (Saddling bell)

2.40 p.m.

Second bell

2.55 p.m.

Entrance to Subscriber's Enclosure

\$2.00.

Motor cars can park in the enclosure at \$5.00 per car. Cars arriving after 2.45 p.m. will not be admitted to Enclosure until after the First Race.

The Masters of the Hunt request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Races. Special Express train to the Races leaves Kowloon at 1.15 p.m.

First class (return fare) \$1.50
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Buses & Jitney cars for the Course will meet the train.

Hongkong, Feb. 5, 1926.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, February 12th, 1926, to Tuesday, February 23rd, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1926.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

4, Duddell Street.

If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

LAMMERT BROS.

Sale of Blankets, Plush Table Covers and Linen etc.

(Salvage ex "Hongkong Hotel Fire")

will be held on

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Tuesday, the 9th. Feb. 1926

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A Quantity of Ladies' Evening and Afternoon Frocks and

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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RESULTS AND TABLES.

Division I.

Bolton	2 Leicester	2
Burnley	0 Manchester U.	1
Cardiff	4 Blackburn	1
Everton	3 Liverpool	3
Leeds	4 Arsenal	1
Manchester C.	1 Huddersfield	5
Newcastle	4 West Ham	1
Notts. City	1 Aston Villa	1
Sheffield	3 Bury	1
Tottenham	0 Sunderland	1
West Bromwich	6 Birmingham	1

Huddersfield	26 13	9	4 57 42 35
Sunderland	29 15	5	9 67 50 35
Arsenal	38 14	5	9 56 48 33
Sheffield U.	28 13	5	10 76 59 31
Bury	27 14	2	11 61 58 30
Aston Villa	37 11	8	8 60 49 30
Manch. U.	26 13	4	9 45 41 30
Newcastle	27 11	8	8 59 51 30
West Brom.	27 11	7	9 59 48 29
Bolton	27 12	5	10 56 50 29
Everton	29 13	8	8 55 55 29
Tottenham	27 11	7	9 47 51 29
Birmingham	29 11	5	13 51 58 27
Liverpool	26 9	8	9 45 36 26
Leeds U.	28 10	4	14 48 56 24
Cardiff	28 10	4	14 42 59 24
West Ham	28 10	4	14 42 60 24
Leicester	28 8	7	13 50 58 23
Burnley	29 8	7	14 52 79 23
Notts City	27 9	4	14 39 46 22
Manch. City	28 7	8	13 65 76 22
Blackburn	27 6	9	12 53 58 21

Division II.

Barnsley	1 Darlington	1
Bradford	0 Southampton	0
Clapton	0 Hull	0
Derby	2 Notts. For.	0
Fulham	0 Chelsea	0
Middlesboro'	3 Stoke	0
Portsmouth	1 Wednesday	2
Port Vale	5 Blackpool	0
Preston	2 Oldham	1
St. Shields	4 Stockport	2
Wolves	2 Swansea	3

Wednesday	27 18	3	6 66 31 39
Derby	26 16	5	5 56 28 37
Chelsea	26 13	8	5 56 31 34
Blackpool	28 13	5	10 54 42 31
South S'ids	27 14	3	10 52 40 31
Oldham	25 12	6	7 46 35 30
Portsmouth	27 12	6	9 55 56 30
Swansea	25 12	4	9 52 40 28
Hull City	27 12	4	11 45 37 28
Middlesboro'	28 14	0	14 52 54 28
Port Vale	28 13	2	13 50 53 28
Bradford C.	27 10	7	10 35 38 27
Wolves	25 10	4	11 39 41 24
Stoke	26 9	6	11 39 47 24
Barnsley	27 8	8	11 41 52 24
Darlington	26 8	7	11 43 50 23
South'pton	27 8	6	13 40 45 22
Preston	27 10	2	15 42 65 22
Notts For.	26 7	6	13 30 38 20
Stockport	27 7	4	16 38 61 18
Fulham	26 6	6	14 28 55 18
Clapton	25 8	2	15 29 57 18

Division III (South).

Aberdare	6 Plymouth	1
Bournemouth	4 Charlton	0
Brighton	0 Bristol C.	0
Bristol R.	2 Luton	0
Exeter	6 Merthyr	2
Millwall	3 Norwich	1
Northampton	3 Southend	1
Queen's Park	1 Brentford	0
Reading	1 Gillingham	1
Swindon	2 Newport	0



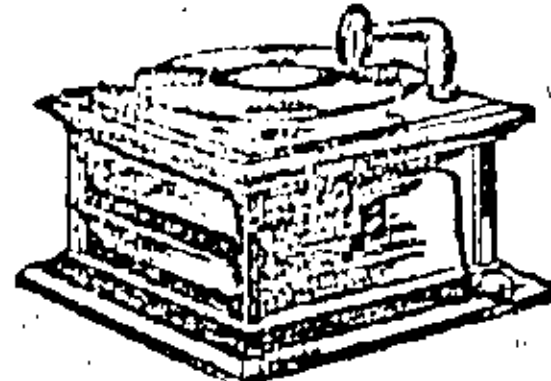
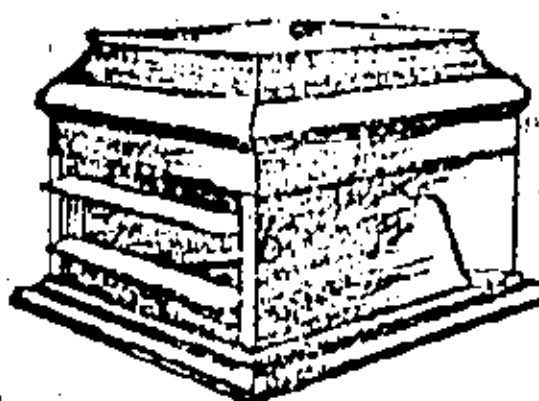
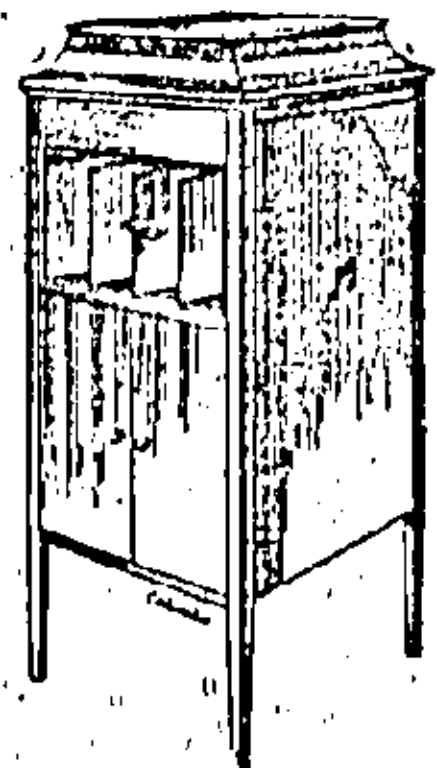
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ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

Importance of Studying Native Language.

The annual prize-giving at the Educational Institute, took place on Saturday evening, the function being performed by the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall. The importance of studying one's native language was emphasised throughout the proceedings.

The chair was taken by the Principal, Mr. K. C. Young. In his report of the year's work he said: "The number of students enrolled during the year was 152, as against 130 in the previous year; and the average daily attendance for the 6 classes was 87.9 as compared with 66.8 in the previous year. At the beginning of the year we had 83 students. Finding that we had outgrown our shell at No. 6, Arbutnot Road, and wishing to have the Hostel, the Upper and the Lower Schools under one roof, we rented No. 5, Woodland Terrace in March. Things were going steadily until the strike came. Our students were intimidated, but they stuck to their guns. At the request of many of the parents and guardians of our students, we closed for the summer vacation three weeks earlier. When we re-opened in the autumn, our numbers, in common with other schools, went down so considerably that we thought it wise and expedient to go back to our original home, and this is where we are now.

Examinations.

In the matter of University Examinations, our report covers the results of 1924 and 1925. In 1924 nine of our students sat for the Junior Local Examination, and three passed, one obtaining distinction in Arithmetic; 8 of our students sat for the Matriculation Examinations held in June and November respectively, and 5 of them passed. The successes of 1925 comprised the following:—out of 10 students presented for the Junior Local Examination, 5 passed, one obtaining distinction in Arithmetic; and out of 10 students presented for the Matriculation Examination, 3 passed. In November last, the school annual examinations were held, and Classes 3, 4 and 5 who sat for them obtained satisfactory results.

In scrutinising the marks obtained by the candidates in their different subjects, we wish to say a few words on the subject of Chinese. It has been our aim to emphasise Chinese students, for we hold that when a man loses his national language, he loses his soul. It is, therefore, very gratifying to find that all our students for the last Matriculation Examination and the Matriculation Examination held in June, 1924, including those who failed in their English subjects, passed in Chinese.

Physics Laboratory.

"In common parlance, a school like ours is classed as a private institution. This classification, I venture to say, is a misleading one. The term 'private school' is, in my humble opinion, a misnomer, for we hold that no school is private. Every school is a public concern; and it is our sincere wish that before long we could gather together a group of public-spirited men to whose hands the development and direction of the Institute may safely be placed. Holding this view and as a step towards realising it, we solicited the support of the Chinese community in the matter of raising funds for equipping a Physics and Chemistry laboratory. We wanted a sum of

THE ROOSEVELT
RESCUES.

PRESENTATIONS TO CAPTAIN
AND CHIEF OFFICER.

Cementing Anglo-American
Friendship.

London, Feb. 6.

Presentations to officers of the s.s. President Roosevelt were made at a ceremony aboard the President Roosevelt at Southampton. Sir Cunliffe Lister, representing H. M. the King, journeyed from Waterloo in a special train, accompanied by a distinguished party, including a representative of the American Ambassador.

Sir Cunliffe Lister in a speech, expressed His Majesty's regret that the shortness of the ship's stay did not permit the King to see the Captain in London and thank him and the crew for their services, which perhaps, had done more than anyone realised to cement Anglo-American friendship.

The American Ambassador's representative said it was impossible to put into words what Americans thought of the relation of the Argentine and President Roosevelt.

Captain Tose, handed Captain Fried a cheque for £227, contributed by listeners-in who had heard Captain Tose broadcast his experiences. Capt. Tose wished the money distributed among the relatives of the drowned.

Sir Cunliffe Lister presented an inscribed gold cigar box to Capt. Fried and an inscribed gold watch to the Chief Officer. The crowd on the quay cheered when the President Roosevelt later sailed.

Reuter.

Navy Cross Awarded.

Washington, Feb. 7.

President Coolidge has awarded to Capt. Fried the Navy Cross for seamanship, courage and professional ability.

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about \$4,000, and without much effort we obtained a third of the amount required. We have, no doubt, that in the near future our hopes will be realised in toto.

It now remains for me to say how very fortunate we are in having with us the Hon. Mr. Kotewall, one of the distinguished representatives of our Chinese community in the Colony. The opinion that I have long had of him as a gentleman deeply interested in education, both English and Chinese, and in educational institutions organised by the Chinese, now encourages me to solicit his kind assistance in the matter of developing our Institute into a large public educational institution in future. With his influence and substantial help we are confident that our aim will be fulfilled. Before I conclude, I wish to thank the staff for their loyal support, the guests for their gracious presence, and the Hon. Mr. Kotewall for the great honour he has done us by consenting to give away the prizes.

Mr. Kotewall on Education.

The Hon. Mr. Kotewall congratulated the school on the satisfactory results of the past year. He, himself, took a deep interest in educational matters and wished to stress the value of studying one's native language.

The tendency in recent years in Hongkong had been to acquire just enough English to enable a living to be earned, and their whole aim in life appeared to end there. Their aims should be higher and a knowledge of their mother tongue and their Chinese literature and an endeavour to appreciate and conform to the ethics of Confucius, should be given their true places. Those attainments were necessary to a man who was to be useful to his country.

He congratulated the boys on the stand they took in June last, and he was pleased that they had continued their studies in spite of all intimidation.

Mr. Kotewall then presented the prizes.

THE LATE MR. JAMES H.
KYNOC.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

Many Friends Present.

The funeral of the late Mr. James H. Kynoch, who died at the Government Civil Hospital on Friday, took place at the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley on Saturday.

Mr. Kynoch, who was 44 years of age, joined the Public Works Department in Hongkong in 1908, as an Overseer. He had held the position of Senior Inspector of Works since July, 1924.

A large number of friends attended the funeral and paid their last respects to one who was well known throughout the Colony. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald. The principal mourner was Mr. G. W. Kynoch, brother.

Others present were: The Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy (Director of Public Works), Messrs. E. W. Carpenter, C. Bond, D. Harvey, J. B. Witherell, E. Cook, S. J. Clarke, P. T. Farrell, J. Fraser, E. Abraham, W. R. Andrews, J. Everette, D. McCullum, P. Murphy, D. Davies, J. C. Fletcher, M. Manuk, W. S. Cuff, A. W. Tickle, H. A. Jones, E. Cook, Captain Thompson, Captain Watson, Police Inspectors W. Kent, Ogg, Murphy, Clark, Chief Detective Inspector Grant, Messrs. R. S. Vergette, R. Taylor, Stewart Logan, A. W. Grimmett, W. Knight, C. W. Beattie, J. Howe, J. Smith, C. Atkinson, D. Neilson, J. Ewing, W. Pryde, W. Keegan, S. A. Roberts, W. Fincher, C. Sara, W. H. Edmonds, D. McNeill, P. W. Thomas, J. Lyon and many others, including members of the various Clubs and Government departments.

By request there were no floral tributes.

A NEW NAVAL STRATEGY.

WHAT MR. RAMSAY MAC-
DONALD SAW AT CEYLON.

London, Feb. 7.

Interviewed by a representative of the Observer on his return from Ceylon, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald said his visit had convinced him more than ever that he was right in opposing Singapore. He said there was plain evidence at Ceylon that Singapore was the beginning of a new naval strategy. Trincomalee, which was deserted before the war, had now awakened to a new active naval life. Nobody can visit Ceylon and see what is going on without getting the idea that there is a tremendous development in specific naval strategy, with bases from all necessary subsidiary supplies for the fleet, fully equipped for action.

THE COST OF PROHIBITION.

BIG EXPENDITURE ON
COASTGUARD FLEET.

New York, Feb. 7.

The House of Representatives has approved the expenditure of \$3,900,000 for coastguard vessels for use against rum runners.

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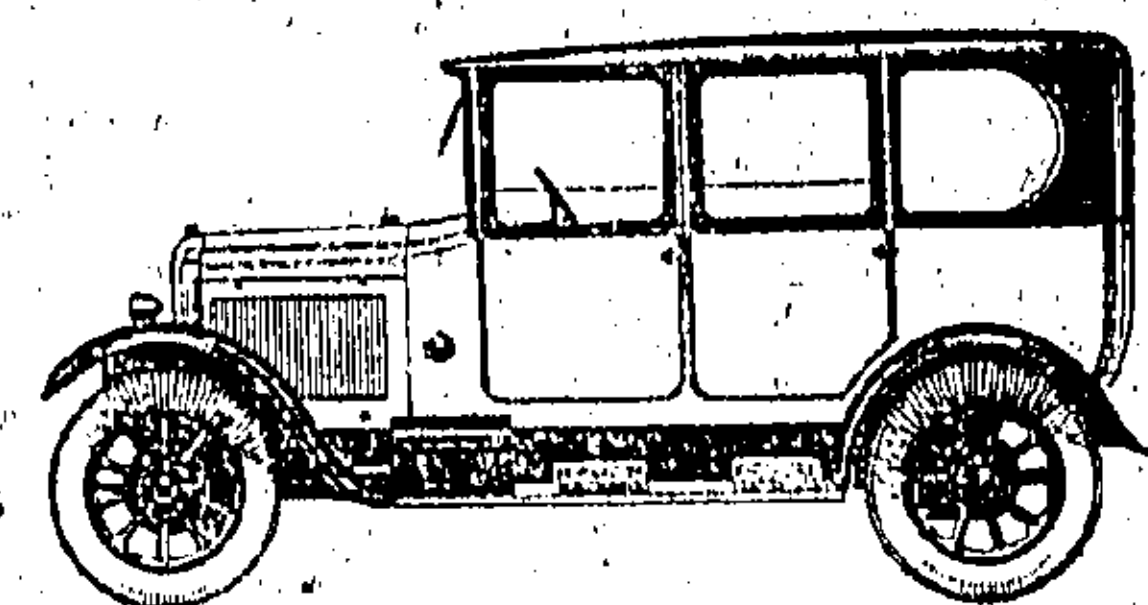
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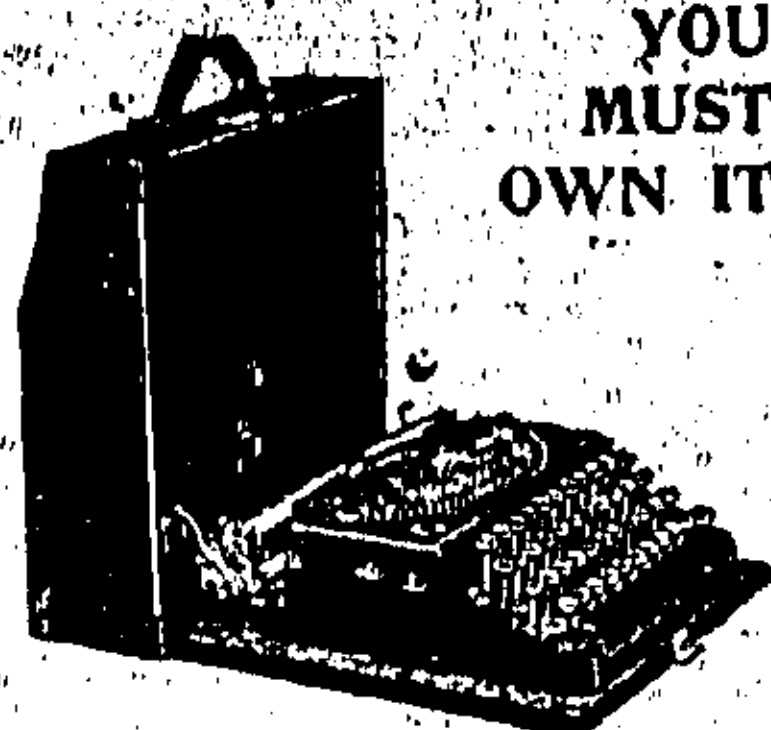
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BIRTH.

GOETZ. On February 6th, 1926 at the French Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Goetz, a son.

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DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS.

It is only when one comes to consider the actual details and to attempt to find a formula that one realises that whilst it is fascinatingly easy glibly to speak in sweeping terms of international disarmament and its benefits, it is a vastly complex subject, calling for the most careful examination of much detail and the clearest of definitions. By the mail which arrived here on Saturday came details of the proposed Conference which is to be held under the auspices of the League of Nations, and in connection with the Preparatory Commission (the meeting of which has now been postponed until later in the Spring) we learn that its main function will be to seek agreement upon a formula for the Disarmament Conference which will follow. This Preparatory Commission will be composed of representatives of the States Members of the Council of the League of Nations together with representatives from all the countries participating in the Conference, and, after much careful thought, a searching questionnaire has been drawn up by a Committee of the Council for discussion by this Preparatory Commission.

From the British and French viewpoint it was, apparently, extremely difficult to agree upon a formula which would ensure that the working of Article XVI and of the Locarno agreements would be given due weight, but ultimately, seven questions were evolved for the Preparatory Commission and a study of these questions reveals how complex is the problem of disarmament. Question 1 deals with the definition of "armaments" (no simple matter); and Question 2 goes on to ask whether it is practicable to limit ultimate war strength, or if disarmament action must be confined to peace strength. In this connection, it is obviously possible for a highly industrially organised country to rush the manufacture of much armament in the event of war to the disadvantage of a less industrially organised

state) and it is therefore imperative to find some restricting formula. Question 3 concerns the standards by which the armaments of one country can be measured against those of another, and Question 4 asks whether there can be said to be "offensive" and "defensive" armaments. Question 5 (a) is concerned with the principle upon which a scale of armaments permissible to the various countries might be drawn up, and Question 5 (b) relates to the operation of Article XVI and should be quoted in full:—"Can the reduction of armaments be promoted by examining possible means for ensuring that the mutual assistance, economic and military, contemplated in Article XVI of the Covenant, shall be brought quickly into operation as soon as an act of aggression has been committed?" Question 6 is concerned with the distinction between civil and military aircraft, and Question 7 with the possibilities of regional disarmament.

From the foregoing very brief summary of the questionnaire which will occupy the attention of the Preparatory Commission it is obvious that many thorny problems and delicate questions lie ahead to be considered and, if possible, solved. It is now certain that America will be participating, and that gives an added importance to the gathering. Britain's position has been clearly stated by the Prime Minister during the past week and can be summarised as being an honest attempt to fulfil the promises made when the Covenant was drafted and adopted. Some good will undoubtedly come out of it all, and there is always the possibility of a really epoch-making decision.

Deserved Promotion.

With the community in general, we should like to join in the congratulations which are being showered on Mr. J. R. Wood on the deserved promotion which he has secured by being confirmed in the appointment of Puisne Judge in succession to Mr. Justice Gompertz. The march of time would appear to have little effect on Mr. Wood, for although he has more than a quarter of a century's service in Hongkong to his credit, we still look upon him as a relatively young man, and we may be sure that before he eventually retires he will find even greater scope still for his undoubted talents. Save for the occupancy of one or two posts, Mr. Justice Wood has largely concentrated on a judicial career, the greater part of his service having been spent in the administration of justice in the Police Courts, with occasional spells as acting Puisne Judge. In his work, he has displayed the true legal mind, and his decisions and judgments have always been marked by a strict regard to the letter of the law. Loosely drawn or in other regard defective indictments have seldom had a chance of succeeding with Mr. Wood, sitting as magistrate or judge. A firm believer in visiting the full rigors of the law on hardened criminals, he has none the less ever tempered justice with mercy where the case has warranted more kindly treatment. His purely legal decisions have been marked by clarity of thought and sound reasoning, and it is these qualities which will aid him in the task to which he has now been called. In his private life, also, Mr. Wood has shown himself a charming man of culture, whom to know is to appreciate. He comes to his new post with the good wishes of all who have learned to value his high qualities, and we wish for him many years of usefulness in the judicial life of the Colony.

It has been proposed to construct a public highway between Wongsha and Saichuen to facilitate communication, when the Chungshan road between Tungshan and Whampoa is constructed. The construction of the proposed new road is to be undertaken by the strikers.

DAY BY DAY.

THEY SAY THAT THE BEST COUNSEL IS THAT OF WOMEN.—*Calderon.*

There was to be a big anti-militarism demonstration in Canton yesterday.

Col. and Mrs. Russell Brown arrived here by the President Jackson from Manila.

The S.S. Empress of Australia is to leave here for Vancouver at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The weather forecast for tomorrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is to be held at noon on the 27th instant.

During the week-end a dog was discovered with symptoms of rabies. The animal was secured and removed to Kennedy Town for observation.

An official communique issued in Canton, on the 4th instant, announces that the mines which were laid in the waters about Boca Tigris and Cheong Chow have all been removed.

At a meeting of the Singapore Cricket Club last week Mr. R. N. Hamilton, who presided, said it was practically certain that a Hongkong team would visit Malaya in the coming season.

A British ship's engineer named Mr. Alexander Thomson, lost his life in a fire at Green's Boarding House, 177 Broadway, Shanghai, on Sunday night last. The fire apparently started in the room he occupied and he was trapped by the flames. It is believed that deceased went to bed smoking a cigarette and it dropped from his hand and ignited the bedding.

In an attempt to take her life, a Chinese woman jumped off the sea-wall on the Praya East yesterday. A number of sampans in the immediate vicinity made their way to the spot and the woman was taken out before she had been many minutes in the water. Suffering from the effects of the immersion, the woman was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital.

Parades were held in Hongkong and Kowloon on Saturday by naval units, the military, and the Volunteers. The naval men marched to West Point in the morning, and had a further parade in the evening. The Volunteers marched along Queen's Road to Morrison Hill Road, round the Valley and back along the Praya. An Artillery section and a detachment of Punjabis were out in Kowloon.

The strike of Shanghai Chinese shopkeepers who are refusing to sell cigarettes as a mark of opposition to the Chinese authorities' proposals to levy a 100 per cent. tax on every packet sold started on Monday last. Meetings are being held to reach a settlement as the cigarette business in Shanghai is very extensive. Formerly, there was a tax of 50 per cent. on cigarettes sold in Chinese territory but the authorities have increased the tax to 100 per cent.

Among the passengers on the P. & O. Malwa, which sailed on Saturday, were Lieut. H. Buckle, Lieut. S. M. White, Lieut. Commander A. N. E. Green, Mrs. H. L. Gompertz, Mr. R. H. L. Gompertz, Major A. E. B. Parson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wedlake, Mrs. A. H. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Handyside, Commr. A. C. Roe, Mrs. W. J. Eldridge, Mr. C. B. Matthews, Mr. J. Reid, Commander D. C. Bennett, Lieut. Commr. C. Hake, Dr. G. R. Turner, Lieut. Commr. R. S. Ollerhead, Lady M. Turner, Mr. D. Richards, Rev. and Mrs. E. Dewstoc.

The Star Theatre, Kowloon, was again well filled last evening, when "Dick Norton's" "Globe Trotters," presented a new programme, which was carried off in a highly successful manner. Numerous light humorous scenes were included, and the show was very laughable from start to finish. Mr. Norton announced they had been unable to accede to all the requests for repeat items, but a matinee would be given at the City Hall on Friday afternoon next, and a farewell show would be given at the usual time in the evening, with another change of programme.

WORLD TOURS.

BIG "EMPRESS" COMING THIS WEEK.

The big C. P. S. liner Empress of Scotland is due here on Wednesday morning with some 400 world tourists, and is to remain in port until Saturday morning. She left New York on December 27, and comes here from Manila. Of 25,000 tons register, and 699 feet long, this fine vessel has no fewer than eight passenger decks, and she is a most palatial vessel in every respect.

There are a large number of British passengers on board, these including Sir Arthur Mayo Robinson, K. B. E., C. B., C. V. O., His Honour Judge Hynes, K. C., the Hon. Mr. R. C. S. Peters, Mr. C. C. H. Bailey, C. B. E., J. P., Mr. W. R. B. Baker, C. V. O., Major F. J. Ney, M. C., Dr. W. Turner, M. V. O., Lieut. Colonel E. M. Renouf, Dr. Gwen J. Brooke, and Mr. J. Ross, Canada's greatest sportsman. Mr. P. D. Sutherland, formerly passenger agent for the C. P. R. in Hongkong for 18 years, is conducting the cruise.

THE "LACONIA" COMING.

The Cunard liner Laconia is due here on a world tour on March 20th. This will be her third voyage round the world and will extend four and a half months, during which she will steam over 30,000 miles. Leaving New York on January 20th her itinerary includes a call at Havana, Colon, Balboa, Los Angeles, Hilo, Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Chin Wang Tao, Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, Batavia, Singapore, Rangoon, Calcutta, Colombo, Bombay, Suez, Port Said, Haifa, Athens, Naples and Monaco, terminating at Cherbourg on May 22nd.

The Laconia represents the latest expression in the art of scientific shipbuilding. Every invention that makes for efficient working, such as oil-burning furnaces and double-reduction geared turbines, has been introduced with unqualified success. The economy in space effected by the installation of this wonderful new propelling machinery has had a direct and advantageous bearing upon the passenger accommodation. It has rendered possible the introduction of a large number of spacious bedrooms with private bathrooms, and large public rooms on a scale of extraordinary variety and comprehensiveness. It has also given scope for the inclusion of many other new features.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

EXCITING FILM AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

The current attraction at the Queen's Theatre is "The Calgary Stampede," featuring Hoot Gibson. This picture is noteworthy not only for very fine scenery, but principally for some really astounding riding; culminating in Calgary's big Stampede Exhibition, the horsemanship in which is calculated to turn Fleming steeplechasers green with envy. It is a picture not only for sportsmen, but for all who love thrills and sensation. Topical pictures and a very funny comic, "Roughest Africa," complete the programme, which is again showing to-night. At the 9.15 show last night, there was an additional attraction in a brief but much appreciated piano recital by Mr. Harry Ore.

RUSSIAN OPERA CO.

The Russian Light Opera Company gave a most enjoyable show at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, when the attraction was "The Merry Widow," with several additional numbers added thereto. The singing and dancing of the principals was extremely good, and the costumes most attractive.

The Company is appearing for a brief season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-night and to-morrow.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts are in receipt of a telegram from Shanghai announcing that the Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd., has declared a final dividend of Tls. 2, making Tls. 3 for the year.

It is reported that the Canton Government has invited Mr. Tang Shao-yi to visit Canton, or to send down from Shanghai on an observation party, but that Mr. Tang has replied stating that the developments in the North preclude him from making the trip.

DISARMAMENT HITCH.

FRANCE BLAMED AND RESENTFUL.

Washington, Feb. 7. Speculation as to whether France's present enterprises in Africa and Syria do not supply the motive for her wish for a postponement is one of the reasons for disturbed American sentiment, both public and official, regarding the adjournment of the Disarmament Conference, which is attributed chiefly to the French Government partly owing to the nature of despatches from France and partly to a recollection of the French attitude of hesitation with regard to the Washington Conference in 1921. —*Reuter's American Service.*

A FRENCH PROTEST.

Paris, Feb. 7. Protest against the suggestion that France is responsible for the postponement of disarmament, is voiced by the *Temps*, which points out that Britain's opposition "caused the miscarriage of the Geneva Protocol" while America, hitherto, has refused in anywise to guarantee the maintenance of peace. —*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI TELEPHONES.

EXTENDED SERVICE STATED.

Telephonic intercommunication between the International Settlement and the French Concession and places in Chinese territory started last week.

The Shanghai Mutual Telephone Company recently reached an agreement with the Chinese Government Telephone Administration whereby the two systems were linked up and it is now possible to ring up subscribers in Chinese territory.

According to a recent announcement by the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Company, the new service is being run on the following terms: The charges to be paid by the subscribers demanding connection with subscribers in the other area will be 5 dollar cents (big money), for every conversation of three minutes or part. The time of connection will be counted from the moment of the answer from the called subscriber until the disconnection signal is given. Incoming calls are free. Each call will be recorded and accounts collected monthly.

"EMPRESS" FIRE.

DAMAGE NOT SERIOUS.

Regarding the fire on the Empress of Australia, which occurred last night while the vessel was lying in dry-dock at the Taikoo Yard, the official report issued by the police to-day states that the outbreak took place in the No. 2 hold between decks amongst some dunnage. It is believed to have originated from a carelessly thrown lighted match, or cigarette-end.

It was learned at the Fire Brigade Headquarters that the call was received 8.38, following which a fire-boat and appliances were dispatched, with the usual promptitude, to the yard. Hoses were also run to connect up with the hydrants installed in the Yard, and at 9.50, the "stop" signal was sent through.

There was no cargo in the hold where the fire occurred, and the damage done to the hold itself, was not of a very serious nature.

EXCHANGE RATES.

To-day's exchange rates are as follows:

Paris	129.90
Brussels	106.975
Amsterdam	12.134
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	19.705
Vienna	34.645
Helsingfors	19.94
Lisbon	2.33/4
Buenos Aires	45.162
Shanghai	8/04
New York	4.86 13/32
Geneva	25.24
Milan	120.76
Stockholm	18.765
Oslo	22.229
Prague	24.65
Madrid	16.4
Bombay	116 11/64
Hongkong	2/44
Silver (Spot)	80 1/2
Silver (Forward)	80 13/16

British Wireless.

KULING'S DISASTROUS FIRE



Recently a big fire swept that portion of Kuling which lies outside the Gap. A view is here shown of the ruins. The picture represents only a portion of the area burnt out.

OPIMUM SMUGGLING.

SINGAPORE TRAFFIC ON THE INCREASE.

One has only to make a cursory comparison of the figures of the total quantity of illicit chandu and opium captured during the past year by officers of the preventive service at Singapore with the figures of a year ago, to come to the immediate conclusion that the smuggling of chandu and the like is on the increase, writes a *Singapore Free Press* reporter. And when a practice is on the increase it is a justifiable inference that it is because it is remunerative, despite the fact that those concerned in the traffic have been deprived during the last twelve months at Singapore alone of contraband worth at a modest estimate something like three million dollars. Indications are not lacking that not only is the traffic more considerable, but that it is being conducted on well organized lines.

During 1924 something like 90,000 tahils of chandu and 12,000 tahils of opium came into Government possession through the medium of its preventive service. Very possibly, since practice makes perfect, the officers of that service became more expert in their investigations during the last twelve months. However true that may be, the captures of chandu during 1925 aggregated much more than 200,000 tahils, while opium seizures showed an increase to considerably more than 30,000 tahils. Now, chandu of the quality usually sought to be irregularly imported into Singapore is sold here at the present time at between six and seven dollars a tahil, so that, however much may have escaped the vigilance of the preventive officers—and it is inevitable that some must—chandu of an approximate value of \$3,000,000 passed out of the possession of the smuggling fraternity during the past year. Matters have changed very much during the last few years. Two or three years back most of the illicit opium that was seized in Singapore was destined for China from Indian suppliers. The process is entirely reversed nowadays and practically the only seizures that have been made upon vessels coming from the west, have been of cocaine and morphia.

One has the authority of Sir Edward Stubbs, the former Governor of Hongkong, for the statement that the drug question is going to be a far bigger problem than opium, so far as China is concerned. This would appear to be supported by a comparison of the total quantities of cocaine and morphia seized in Singapore during the last two years, since it may be inferred that the drugs so seized were intended for a destination further east than Singapore. Captured cocaine increased in quantity 1.0m. 98 ounces in 1924 to 550 ounces last year, while morphia showed an enormous increase of from 80 ounces in 1924 to about 5,000 ounces last year. It is significant, further, that the ships on which these seizures have been made, are out of European ports, which indicates—it is a well-known fact—that this particular traffic is in the hands of European organizations.

The majority of the illicit chandu that is seized in Singapore is cooked in Amoy, which would appear to be the centre of the

CEYLON'S PROBLEMS.

LABOUR LEADER'S CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNOR.

Rugby, Feb. 7. Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, the Labour leader, who, with his three daughters, has been on a visit to Ceylon, arrived back in London yesterday. In interviews, he stated that he had greatly enjoyed the rest and change. The main interest of his trip had lain in a tour of the far-famed ruins of the ancient cities of Ceylon. Referring to political conditions in the island, he expressed confidence in the ability of Sir Hugh Clifford, the Governor, to deal with existing difficulties. Mr. Macdonald declined to discuss Home political questions. He made a jocular reference to the talk of a Labour-Liberal rapprochement, but declared that he had nothing to say on the subject.—*British Wireless*.

SHIPPING NEWS.

VESSELS NEAR PORT.

At noon to-day the following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong: Ounfa, Toba Maru, Wabash, Wakasa Maru, St. Albans, Empress of Russia, Chorihon Maru, Porthos, President Jackson, President Adams, Santhia, West Jester-Laomedon, Tandia, Hainan, Kijio Maru, Malwa, Helenus, Tjiliwong, Simferopol, Fushimi Maru, Altai Maru, Hellas, Kaying, Eumaeus, Cliona.

HARBOUR COLLISION.

A JUNK DAMAGED.

While in tow, and proceeding from east to west in the southern fairway, a cargo boat was run into by the Yumati launch Man Fat at 6 a.m. on Saturday.

Damage to the extent of \$100 was done to the junk. The collision occurred near the Yumati Ferry wharf. The junk was being towed by the steam launch Kwong Chee.

The Fong Pin Hospital, on Cheungshan Island, was visited by armed robbers during the week-end. Three men, who armed with knives, entered the caretaker's quarters and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$35. One man has been arrested in connection with this case.

export traffic. Seemingly, the business is carried on there without any considerable degree of secrecy. Obviously, it is being carried on extensive and well organized lines. The chandu is carefully packed, by machine one of the containers, in small brass tins of a variety of shapes and sizes dependent upon where they are to be concealed in the smuggling process. These tins usually contain one tahil of chandu and in a large number of cases bear the chops of the people concerned in their preparation. The tins are usually done up in bundles of 25 and 30, and in many cases they bear the stamp of the Chinese Revenue service.

AMERICAN COTTON.

BIGGER SUPPLY THAN LAST YEAR.

Washington, Feb. 7. The world's visible supply of American cotton on February 2 was 5,179,000 bales as compared with 4,593,000 at the same period last year.—*Reuters' American Service*.

GERMAN PENSIONS.

A HUGE EXPENDITURE.

Germany now has 42,000 ex-army officers on her pension rolls. The budget estimates for pensions for the coming year total \$440,000,000 for the Reich, not counting pensions paid by States and community estimates for next year's budget.

Of these pensioners, 1,400 bear the title of General or Marshal, drawing pensions as high as \$6,000 annually.

Nor do these payments depend on the recipient's state of health or financial condition. Ten years of service, counting wartime as double, entitles a German to a pension.

Former Crown Prince Rupprecht draws the pension of a Field Marshal, which the *Morgen Post* characterizes as "financing enemies of the republic." The Wittelsbach family has received from the Bavarian States not only their valuable regal properties but also large sums of money as awards from the courts.

Whether the nation, which contends that it is on the verge of an economic abyss, can afford the luxury of indiscriminate pension benevolence, is a problem which the Cabinet must face, since it is a political as well as a financial question, according to the *Morgen Post* editorial.

Shanghai racing circles have suffered a big loss and Hongkong as big a gain in the transfer of Mr. Hugh Maitland to the Ewo office at Hongkong, says the *N.C. Daily News*. Of the young jockeys who have started their career in Shanghai, "Bruffy" easily is the most brilliant in the last 10 years, for he can ride with the best on the flat, whilst over the sticks he is excelled locally only by a few veterans at the sport. Beyond that, his buoyant spirits and his readiness at all times to lend a helping hand where required had made him so popular that he was in the nature of a mascot to the racing clubs.

The Very Rev. William R. Inge, the "Gloomy Dean," declared in his Christmas sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral that "the coming danger to the English nation threatens from within. Control of our destinies," he said, "has passed into the hands of that class which seems—I hope I am not unjust to them—to be at present not most fully educated to those moral qualities which make the nation great, united and happy. I mean the class of organized labor. We can only trust—I am afraid, not very confidently—in what Edmund Burke called the ancient inbred integrity, piety, good nature and good humor of the English people."

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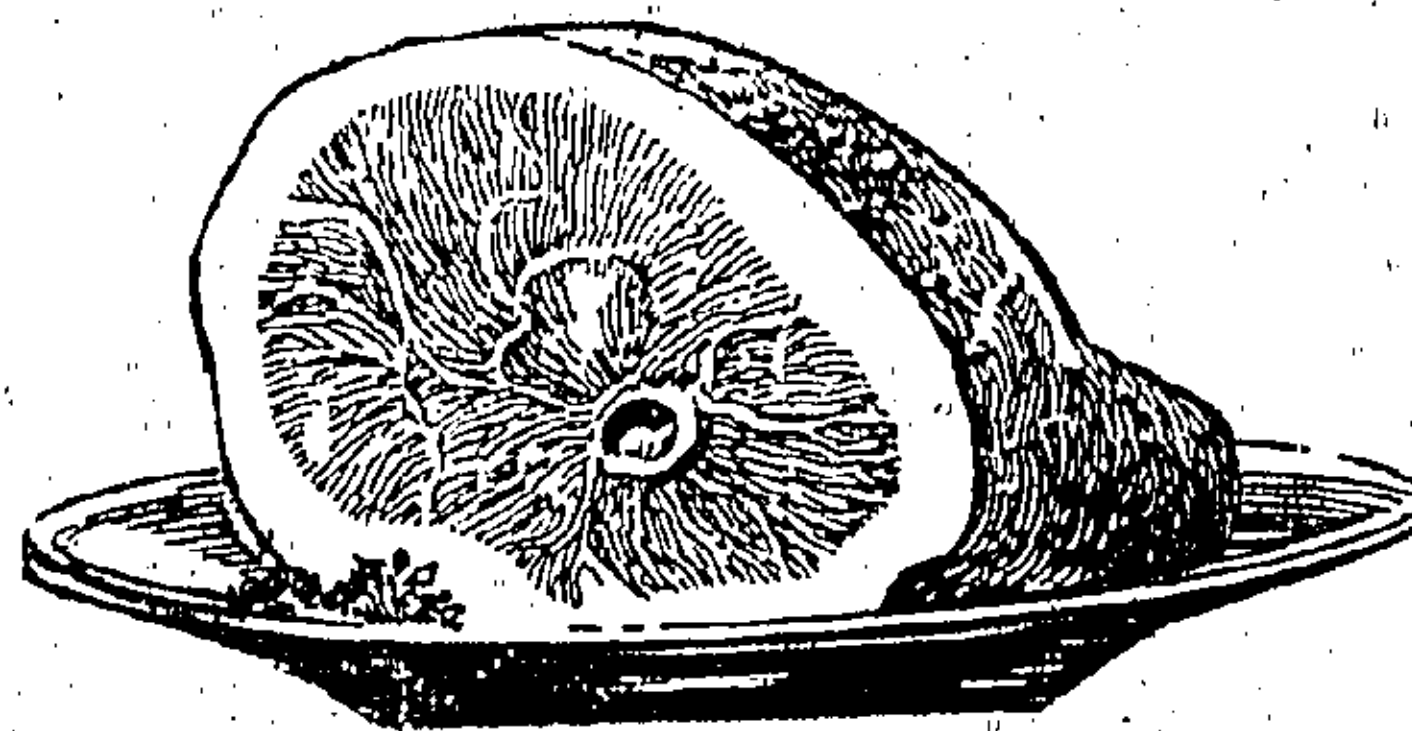
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WAYS OF MODERN SCHOOL.

A Chess correspondent of a Home paper writes:—The appearance of Alekhine, the Russian master, at the Hastings Chess Tournament this week brings home the fact that even in the chess world the pioneer reaps a rich reward.

He is the undoubted champion of the modern school of chess that did so well at the recent Moscow Tournament, when Capablanca's star was dimmed. Other leading players of the same school are Bogolubow, Gruenfeld, Snosko-Borowski, and the youthful Torre, conqueror of Capablanca.

These new giants scorn the old idea of maintaining at any costs the pawn in mid-board and even shades of Howard Staunton! open frequently with a knight. Their plan is to make the middle game as intricate as possible and quickly finish off their opponent by a few brilliant moves, often involving the sacrifice of a major piece, such as the queen.

In such tactics Alekhine, probably the next world champion, stands supreme. Wounded and captured by the Austrians during the war, he developed his game to an astounding degree in the military hospital, and it was there, he acknowledges, that he laid the foundations of his unequalled blindfold play.

The predecessors of the modern school of chess were termed the German school, the inception of which may be credited to Steinitz, who became champion, after the

brilliant young Paul Morphy. This school believes in venturing nothing. Hanging grimly on to the advantage of a pawn and relentlessly exchanging pieces, they frequently end their games with the threatened queening of the extra pawn and the resignation of their opponent.

Following this school, if not actually members of it, are such masters as Rubinstein, Lasker, Tarrasch, our own present champion, Sir G. A. Thomas, and Capablanca himself—who however, brings to the game a warm southern imagination that enables him to outplay any other member of the same school.

It is unfortunate that we have had so few British masters—we have still to welcome the successors of Blackburne, Staunton, and Burn. No country, however, can rival England in its wealth of amateur players, owing to our careful organizations or the chess clubs and county associations throughout the country. Britain, too, can claim the best women players. Miss Price, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Anderson standing well above Continental players of their own sex, with the exception of Miss Menchik, the Russian girl, now playing at Hastings. She, however, has learnt most of her chess in England as a pupil of the brilliant old player, Geza Maroczy.

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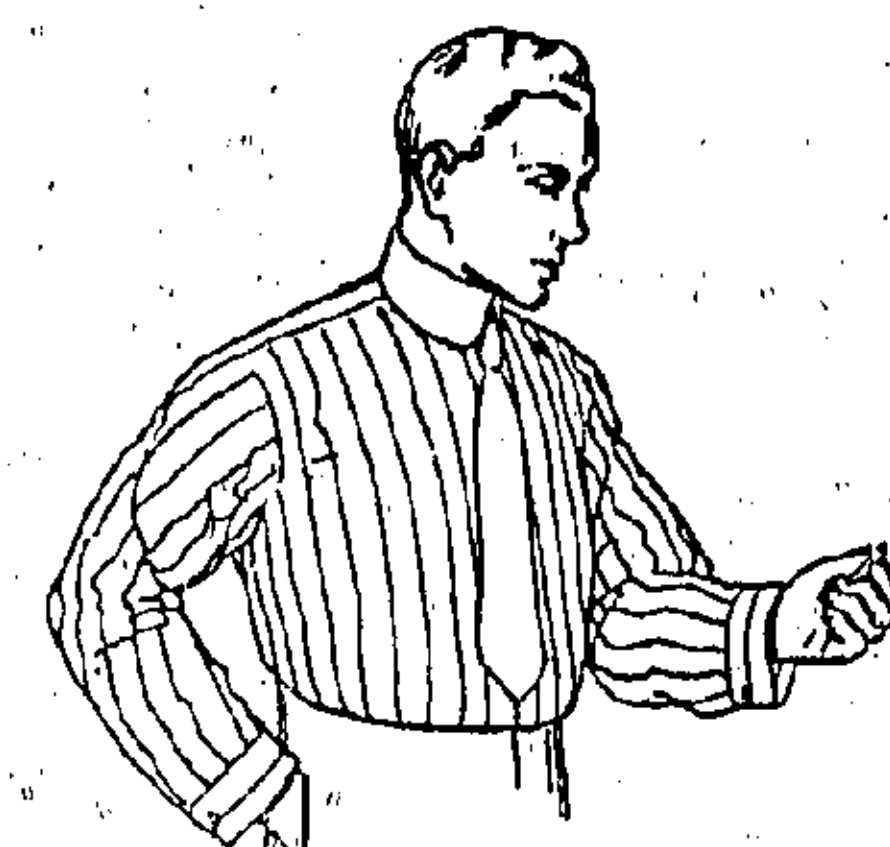
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PLAY AND PLAYERS.

THE INTERPORTERS AGAIN DRAW.

[BY "WANDERER"]

Criticism of Hongkong's interport representatives on the eve of their departure for Shanghai may possibly be regarded as a trifle out of place, but while that criticism is intended to be largely constructive, the principal objection can be overruled.

The man who failed to be impressed by their display against the Navy on Saturday could scarcely be accused of being too severe. After being two goals in arrears at half-time, they made a good recovery and forced a draw of three goals all, but the extent of their second half improvement could be measured in an observation of the lesser effort of their opponents, rather than in their own endeavours.

It is perfectly feasible, of course, that the interporters were restrained by the necessity of giving a wide berth to any situation likely to result in injury, but this would bear little weight in explanation of the total absence of cohesion. The contact between the backs and half-backs and between the half-backs and forwards was practically negligible, but, even so, I am loath to think that it was by any means the best form of which they are capable.

Wynne, as captain, should seriously consider, when he steps on the field at Shanghai, the advisability of changing places with Wheeler. At back he is rather handicapped as a captain but a little vocal encouragement, he should remember, goes a long way.

Gosano played a good game, he did the hat-trick after missing two easy chances in the early stages, but the forward line might prove a more dangerous combination if he relied a little more on the undoubted ability of his inside partners, if he left a little more to their judgment instead of intruding on their preserves and thereby making the approach work too close. Humberstone slipped the ball to Gosano delightfully on occasion, but he shoots as well as Gosano and an individual effort occasionally might prove more useful to his side than the tip-tap type of game which invariably breaks down before a resolute and robust defence such as Hongkong will meet with in the North.

On Saturday, Humberstone put in the best shot of the match, a lightning drive from forty yards which travelled a foot high all the way just a foot wide of the post. He also forced his way right through the Navy defence and would probably have scored had he not been brought down very badly from behind. Why no penalty was given was and is a mystery.

The wingers Charlesworth and Mackleworth can do better than they did on Saturday if they will but take their time when they have time at their disposal and get rid of the ball speedily if there is a chance of a tackle or of the ball being charged down.

Of the half-backs, only Mitchell showed up well on Saturday and moreover he was opposed to the very smart King-Cobb wing. The line was not impressive but can be relied upon to force Shanghai all the way.

The Navy had an excellent side, going off at a fast pace took the lead through Hamington some five minutes after the kick-off. Shore put the Navy further ahead ten minutes later; meanwhile Gosano had missed two easy chances presented by Humberstone, and Humberstone shot high over after getting clear of the field. King, the inside-left, was the cleverest man on view and a remarkable body aweroff often sent both Wynne and Mitchell running in the wrong direction. The interporters opened their tally soon after the restart. Bristowe sent to Humberstone who put the ball in the right place for Gosano to shoot past Wavish. A scramble in the goal-mouth later on saw Gosano again net, and then the Navy once more got going and gave Wynne and Wheeler some anxious moments.

GOLF MATCH.

COMPSTON AND MASSEY BEATEN.

New York, Feb. 7. A message from Tampa, Florida, says that Jim Barnes and Johnny Farrell defeated Archie Compston and Arnold Massey by three and two at the Temple Terrace Country Club over a match of thirty-six holes. —*Reuter's American Service.*

POLE JUMP RECORD.

NEW MARK BY NORWEGIAN.

Boston, Feb. 7. The Norwegian athlete, Charles Holm, has broken the world's record for the indoor pole jump, clearing thirteen feet 1½ inches. —*Reuter's American Service.*

YACHTING.

NAVY DEFEAT THE CLUB.

The third sailing match of the season between members of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and members of the Royal Navy took place in good sailing weather yesterday and resulted in a most decided win for the Senior Service, by 153 points to 121. In the two previous matches the points had been shared; the Club winning in November and the Navy winning in January. Yesterday's result put the issue out of all doubt.

There were sixteen boats of various classes engaged, and in the morning the Navy scored 73 points and the Club 64. It was after tea, however, where the Navy piled up most points, having four out of the first five boats in.

Afterwards in the Club house the Commodore, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, congratulated the Navy on their win and asked the Rear Commodore, Capt. W. Davidson, to present the helmsmen's prizes to the first three helmsmen in both races.

Commodore A. J. B. Stirling thanked the Club for the fine day's sport they had given the Navy and said he hoped they would have the pleasure of sailing another rubber next season.

The officers of the day were the Commodore, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, the Rear Commodore, Capt. W. Davidson, and Capt. R. H. T. Raikes, D.S.O., R.N., of H.M.S. Titania. Judges and Starters, Pay Comdr. R. G. T. Sennett, R.N., and Lt. Comdr. C. B. Elbow, R.N. Official timekeeper, Yeo, of Sigs. J. Murphy.

CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

On Saturday, the last championship races of the season for racing classes were held when there was a good turn out and keen racing. The result made the final positions for the season as follows:—Handicap Class: Colleen, 43 points; La Linda, 41 points; and Diana, 31 points. Hayward Hays: Why Wonder, 76 points; Boomer, 72 points; and Blueshoe, 69 points.

Their third goal was the best of the match, King receiving some thirty yards out and putting in a fast cross shot which had Rodger beaten all the way. Near the end Charlesworth giving his first indication of meriting his position centred delightfully from Stewart's pass for Gosano to head through.

Taking the game through, the interport side did not merit the draw. Throughout the football displayed on their part was of a woefully scrappy order, the fault lying chiefly in lack of teamwork. The Navy players on the other hand covered each other capably.

Two or three of the junior matches fixed for Saturday were postponed for various reasons.

In the second round of the junior shield, the Club de Recreio second eleven defeated South China "B" by five clear goals and the Drums shared four goals with the University after being a goal behind with two minutes to go.

South China "A" added two points to their league tally by running up five goals against the R. A. Reserves without reply, and the Moslem Club defeated St. Joseph's Boarders by three goals to nil.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

THREE FIRST DIVISION GAMES.

There were three interesting matches in the first division of the Cricket League on Saturday, the friendly match which was to have taken place on the Cricket Ground having to be postponed on account of a Volunteer Parade. The University narrowly defeated the Hongkong C.C., the Indians and the Civil Service played a drawn game, and the Royal Artillery inflicted yet another defeat on the Chinese.

In the match between the University and Hongkong, the former were all dismissed for 68 (Par) taking six wickets for 16 runs but got their revenge by getting the Club out for 66 (Lam, Shahabudin and Rumjahn sharing bowling honours). The University thus won by three runs.

The Civil Service ought to have beaten the Indians for they had only six runs to get with three wickets in hand when "time" was called. The Indians made 156 for nine wickets (declared). A. H. Madar contributing 43. Had the Civil Servants scored a little more briskly at the opening of their innings they would have had time to win, but runs came when it was too late, the score reading 151 for seven wickets. G. R. Sayer with 26 and H. Wallington with 31 not out were top scorers. In the bowling, Baker for Civil Service and A. H. Madar for the Indians, carried off the principal honours.

The Chinese R. C. have been without a win for a long time, and their defeat by the R. A. was mainly due to the fine innings put up by Major Hattersley-Smith, who scored a very free 83, not out. The R. A. compiled 137 and the Chinese responded with only 96. H. L. Yung and H. Ching being top scorers. Ng Sze-kwong took six wickets for 50 runs in the bowling for the R. A. being fairly even between Rough, Smith and Gifford.

On the K. C. C. ground, the second eleven entertained Tanaka, losing by 30 runs. The visitors made 126 for the loss of six wickets (Fincher 68 and Grimes 32, not out). The K. C. C. replying with 150.

GOLF.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

The following are the results of the ties in the Junior Championship played at Fanling during the week-end:—

A. O. Brown beat D. J. Valentine by 2 up.

G. H. Layton beat J. Hooper by 4 and 2.

A. W. Shovelton beat T. Monaghan at the 21st hole.

A. B. Humphreys beat T. Ramsay by 4 and 2.

Club v. Services.

In the morning (singles) the R.H.K. Golf Club won five games to the Services' three in the above competition at Fanling.

INTERNATIONAL RUGGER.

SCOTLAND NARROWLY BEAT WALES.

A Second Half Recovery.

London, Feb. 6. Playing to-day in showery weather and before 40,000 spectators, Scotland beat Wales by 8 points to 5 in the Rugger international.

The Welshmen started with a loose rush and had the better of the opening play. Then Scotland, in exchange kicks, gained ground and attacked hotly. Waddell, the Scotch halfback, attempted a drop goal, and Scott, Gillies and McMyln led a fine Scottish forward rush, but the Welsh full back found touch with a good kick. Scotland continued to attack, but the Welshmen fought back and relieved the pressure.

The Welsh pack frequently worried their opponents, and after 28 minutes Herrera scored and Everson converted. Following this, Scotland pressed and twice nearly got over, but their passing lacked accuracy.

Half-time: Wales 5; Scotland 0. On the resumption, Scotland indulged in a couple of passing movements and then, after five minutes, Gillies kicked a splendid penalty goal from long range. Scotland were now playing finely. The ball went to Waddell, who scored a magnificent try, which Drysdale converted. Play was mostly among the forwards. Wales made desperate efforts to score. Their forwards repeatedly excelled, and the three-quarters brought off many passing movements, but lacked the pace to carry them through. Scotland retaliated with three tremendous attacks, a great struggle ending in Scotland winning by 8 points to 5. —*Reuter.*

In the afternoon (foursomes) the Club members won all four matches.

THE INTERPORT.

The Manila Bulletin states that the Board of Directors of the Manila Golf Club have selected the following members to compose the team to go to Hongkong:—

Lieutenant A. L. Benedict, B. F. Few, J. R. H. Mason, Commander H. C. Train, E. J. Nell and G. M. Ivory. "Bob" Mason was elected to captain the team. Captain H. H. Elarth and W. Z. Smith were also selected for the team but were unable to make the trip.

In selecting the team, the committee had to take in consideration the fact that all steel shafted clubs are not allowed under the rules played at Hongkong.

The local players will leave Manila on the s.s. President Pierce, sailing February 9.

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KOBE via Moji	Lalsang	Tues. 16th Feb. at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Wed 17th Feb. at 3 p.m.
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Straits	Hongkong	February 8.
Shanghai	Kanchow	February 8.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jackson	February 8.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	February 8.
Straits	Fushimi Maru	February 9.
Japan	Sunbina	February 9.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	February 10.
Japan	Kashima Maru	February 12.
Europe via Negapatnam, Letter only	Lai Sang	February 14.
London 14th Jan.	Pres. Garfield	February 15.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	D'Artagnan	February 15.
Shanghai		February 15.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Amoy	Szechuen	Mon. Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
Bangkok	Chakrang	Tues. Feb. 9, 10 a.m.
Shanghai and Honolulu	Shinyo Maru	Tues. Feb. 9, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L.		
Marques, E. and S. Africa, Egypt		
and Europe via Marseilles	Eumaeus	Tues. Feb. 9, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 10th March).

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C., and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)

For	Per	Date
Holbow and Haiphong	Taming	Wed. Feb. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Kanchow	Wed. Feb. 10, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hosung	Wed. Feb. 10, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Finganz	Wed. Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
Holbow and Haiphong	Loe Sang	Thurs. Feb. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Shantung	Fri. Feb. 12, 2.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

For	Per	Date
Japan	Kashima Maru	Fri. Feb. 12, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 14th March).
	Laisang	Sun. Feb. 14, 5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

GOLF STRATEGIES.

AIM FOR POSITION, NOT DISTANCE.

It's the strategy you use when in trouble that counts most in golf.

When a player in distress learns that position, not distance must be his next objective he is on the highway to success.

Many an important battle of the links has been won by means of a dinky, ten or fifteen-yard shot, which had no thrills for the gallery, while, on the contrary, slashing, sensational plays had no bearing on the result.

Willie Ogg, the Worcester professional, who has held many championships in his day, and always, is a respected figure at the big tournaments, tells me of a remarkable strategy, he once saw which called for a shot of only a few yards length, although it turned out that it was to settle the disposition of that greatest of all golf prizes—the British open championship.

In the same tournament an attempted sensational play proved to be poor strategy, as it definitely eliminated its author from the tournament.

GREATEST GOLFERS FIGURED.

Two of the greatest golfers of all time figured in these plays.

The successful one was the celebrated James Braid. The loser was the equally celebrated J. H. Taylor.

It all took place on the famous course at St. Andrews, Scotland, during the British open of 1905. Both Taylor and Braid came down the home stretch very much in the running.

"It was on the seventeenth hole, which has been called the hardest in the world, that Taylor tried his unsuccessful strategy," said Ogg.

"The seventeenth is a par 5, 470 yards, a sort of double dog-leg. The fairway parallels a railroad, but the station master's house and garden juts into the course in such a position that all except long drivers direct their tee shots well to the left, as the house and garden are out of bounds.

"For their second, they must shoot to the right, in the direction of the railway, for the entrance to the green points in that direction. The third shot again is toward the left, a short one to the green, which is long and narrow and hog-backed, flanked on the left side by a bank and bunker and on the right by a road, the latter being particularly hard to play out of.

FORCED TO TAKE CHANCES.

"It is possible, after a long drive, to play the second to the green, but very dangerous, as you must carry over the bunker and hold the narrow green, with the chances favoring the ball rolling over into the road.

"Taylor, coming to the seventeenth, got off a long drive, that carried over the station master's house and garden, leaving him this uncertain chance of reaching the green in 2. He elected to make the try. He carried over the bunker all right, but failed to hold the green and went into the road.

"The gallery now was treated to the most painful experience in all the world—that of watching really great golfers going through an ordeal that might better have befitted a duffer.

"Seven times Taylor played short shots to the green. Six times the ball would not hold the hogback. He made three trips to the bunker and three to the road before, on his seventh try, he finally stuck the ball on the green. He then lay 9 and he took two putts for an 11. No championship for him.

"Meantime Braid had come up to the sixteenth with a chance for the title, only to make a tee shot that threatened disaster. The sixteenth, like the seventeenth, runs along the railroad. However, it is only a par 4 hole, measuring about 380 yards.

LUCK BREAKS AGAINST BRAID.

"Braid had the bad luck to push his tee shot into the railroad track. The ball came to a rest close to the rail farthest from the fairway—so close that that he could not shoot back into the fairway.

"There was a bare chance that he could hook the ball away from that rail and place it near the green, trusting to luck that he might be left with a good lie for a decent clip-shot. The temptation to play in that way must have been great. The green was only 160 yards away. However, Braid resisted temptation, placed his trust in science, not in luck, and made a play that over since has been famous in British golf history.

RUSSIAN DANCER.



Above is Ivan Lantsoff, acrobatic dancer, one of the clever principals of the Russian Light Opera Company which appears at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-day and to-morrow.

PALATIAL PACIFIC LINER.

TELEPHONES FOR PASSENGERS AND CREW.

The largest and fastest steamship ever built in the United States is now under construction at a Delaware River shipyard for the Matson Navigation Company, of San Francisco. The vessel is to be named Malolo (Hawaiian for "Flying Fish"), and will be of 27,000 tonnage. Expected to be completed by the spring of 1927, she will be placed on the San Francisco-Honolulu service, where her speed of 25 knots an hour is expected to shorten her round trip to eight days, or four days less than the fastest ship now running between the two ports mentioned.

One of the novelties in her construction is the elaborate telephone system, consisting of 323 telephones, one of which will be installed in every stateroom, both occupied by the crew as well as passengers. Telephones installed in galleys or any other position exposed to dampness will be of the weatherproof type, with weatherproof extension bells. In addition to the service telephones, a loud-speaking system will be installed connecting the bridge with the fore-castle, crew's mess, and main engine-room, while a second loud-speaking installation will connect the chief engineers' stateroom with the main engine-room.

There will be accommodation for 600 passengers—all first class—in 274 staterooms, which will have 160 private bathrooms. The vessel will also have a ballroom in addition to the usual lounge, library, &c., while the main dining-room is to be 108ft. in length. There is also a gymnasium, swimming-bath, and electric baths provided, in addition to a complete system of mechanical ventilation for use in the tropical climate which is encountered in the Hawaiian Islands. When completed this newest addition to the Pacific fleet is expected to cost \$1,300,000.

Directors of London tea rooms are complaining that their shops are being "Bolshevized" by the great vogue of bobbed hair and Russian boots. The "Bolshevik" influence, introduced through such features, the managers say, spreads to the manners of the waitresses, and the girls slop tea about and slide biscuits and sandwiches before their customers with an abandon that upsets British ideas of service. One large chain of tea shops plans to give bonuses for "extra diligence" by waitresses.

"On the outside of the rail was a firm and fairly smooth surface of crushed stone and cinders. Braid, using his niblick, chipped over the rail to a good position on this hard surface. It was a shot of but 10 yards, but it was a great play. His confidence untouched, James took his mashie and laid his third shot four feet from the pin. He sank his putt for a par 4, when he easily might have taken six or seven. And he went on to the championship.

"It was great golf—a clear case of headwork winning. The beginner at golf can learn a lesson by emulating Braid. When in trouble, try for position, not length. Many strokes will be saved."

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong, \$1,045 sa.
Chartered, £211 n.
Mercantile A. and B., £291 n.
Mercantile C., £131 n.
P. and O., £91 n.
East Asia, \$85 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$600 b.
China Underwriters, \$2.00 s.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Unions, \$258 b.
Yangtze, \$35 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$165 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$520 s.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$30 s.
Steamboats, \$23 s.
Tugs, \$31 n.
Indo-Chinas, \$38 n.
Shell Trans., 95/- n.
Star Ferries, \$52 s.
Waterboats, \$16 b.
Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$24 s.
Malabons, \$40 s.

Mining.

Benguets, \$1.50 n.
Kailans, 44/- b.
Langkats, Tls. 24 s.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 5.45 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 8 n.
Rauhs, \$5.80 s.
Tronohs, 55/- n.
Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1201 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$54 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 170 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 7 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$7.25 b.
H.K. Lands, \$571 sa.
Realty, \$5 b.
Territorials, \$6 b.
Humphreys, \$131 sa.
Princes Bldgs, \$120 sa.
Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons.

Ewos, Tls. 9 b.
Orientals, Tls. 3 n.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 55 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$11 b.
Ganton Ice, \$71 n.
Cements, \$14.00 n.
China Buses, Tls. 104 b.
China Lights, \$11 s.
China Prov., \$73 sa.
Constructions, \$3.00 b.
Dairy Farms, \$17 s.
Dor A. Wing, \$10 n.
Electrics, \$49 sa.
Macao Electrics, \$40 n.
Developments, 24 cents, sa.
Ropes, \$40 s.
Tramways, \$191 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$12 s.
Mackintosh, \$211 sa.
Peak Trams, \$17 b.
Sinceres, \$11 s.
Taxis, \$4 s.
United Asbestos, \$20 n.
Watsons (Old), \$123 b.
Watsons (New), \$124 b.
Powells, \$10 s.

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BRITISH HELICOPTER

AN AGED ENGINEER'S DESIGN.

Sir Bradford Leslie, known as one of the great bridge builders of England, is 95 years old and yet is just finishing the design of a helicopter, which if it flies, will become the property of the British Government.

Sir Bradford built the Saltash and Choptow bridges, and then spent thirty years in India, where, among many other structures, he built the famous highway over the Hoogly at Calcutta.

He now retains much of his earlier vigour, and the helicopter is along lines which he has been cogitating for fifteen years.

"When the idea first came to me," he said, "I was too busy earning a living to take it up. Now I have some leisure, and believe I shall be able to construct a machine that will have a vertical take-off and can alight completely under control of the pilot, so that there will be no bumping and rebounding.

"As the machine will be well ballasted it will be able to fly as well as any airplane, and will be able to slow down, and, in fact, almost stop in mid-air."

When the design is completed it will be offered as a gift to the Government, and the only royalties Sir Bradford would expect would be from foreign countries using the idea.

London, 12th January. — A piquant sidelight on conditions on Russia is provided by the report of the Soviet Commissar for Education dealing with child vagabondage and showing, according to the *Times* Riga correspondent, that in European Russia there are 150,000 child vagabonds and 300,000 semi-vagabonds. The figures do not include Ukraine or the Caucasus, where there are countless such waifs. The Soviet has decided to round up 30,000 of Moscow's vagabonds in 1926. They are hoping to distribute them among the peasants, which will be enticed to adopt them by offers of extra land and money.



"Why don't you go home?"
"I have dropped my key and am waiting for the 'know to thaw!'" — *Pelo Mele*, Paris.

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